

FRESH GERMAN ATTACK ON THE FLANDERS FRONT

British Line Bends Before Violent Onslaught Between La Bassée and Armentières. Enemy Attack Repulsed at Messines. Armentières Is In Serious Peril, But Its Loss Would Not Be Vital, Says General Maurice.

London, April 10.—The new German offensive on the Flanders front appears to be developing more than a local operation. The German stroke is really of such magnitude as to constitute another attempt to break through the British lines.

The new German attacks extend the battle front to a length of approximately 130 miles, from near the Belgian town of Ypres, in the north, to the vicinity of Coucy le Chateau on the extreme French right.

The fresh German blow struck yesterday between La Bassée and Armentières has already driven deep a salient into the British lines below Armentières, and the Armentières region itself was reported under attack this morning. Infantry fighting is spreading to the northward in a heavy bombardment by German guns, which extend as far as the Ypres-Comines Canal, just to the southeast of Ypres. Armentières, already near the tip of a salient, is in the line, has now been further pocketed, and seems in serious peril from converging attacks north and south. The British, however, are holding the line of the River Lys to the southwest of the town, and at latest reports had prevented an attempted crossing of the Germans at Bac St. Maur, four miles southwest of Armentières, and another at Estaires, still further to the southwest. The maximum depth of the German penetration was apparently about four and a half miles at Estaires. Violent fighting was along a front of about eleven miles. The Germans effected no new front, if it succeeds to no further extent than it apparently has so far, does not seem likely to have any greater effect than to compel modifications in the British line north of the La Bassée Canal.

Reputed at Messines.

London, April 10.—On the Messines front the enemy's attack today was repulsed. Major-General F. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, announced this afternoon. "The enemy has obtained no footing on the high ground. The attack extended from Armentières to Messines." "In this morning's attack," said Maurice, "the enemy entered British lines, but was repulsed between the rivers Lys and Douve."

Germans captured a considerable part of Ploegsteert Wood. "In fighting yesterday, the enemy advanced in the centre to a depth of 5,500 yards," he added. "It is quite certain we lost some guns; but owing to such considerable artillery must have been lost, and probably a number of prisoners. German gains today in conjunction with results of his attack yesterday have placed Armentières in an awkward salient. The enemy is now on both sides of Armentières, which is a serious situation. It is lost it will not be vital." "Latest fighting," the general said, "shows that the enemy is merely carrying out another chapter in the effort to exhaust the British army. His first scheme was to cut off the British from the British. That failed. Now he is attacking wherever he sees a favorable chance, with the idea of bleeding us white if he can."

A German Mutiny.

Amsterdam, April 10.—An extensive mutiny occurred on Monday in the German military camp at Beverloo, according to reports.

EQUAL PENSIONS FOR OFFICERS AND MEN

Present System in Canada Was Founded on the British Plan.

Victoria, April 6.—By unanimous vote the Legislature yesterday gave its approval to a resolution of J. S. Cowper of Vancouver and seconded by Mrs. Smith, favoring equal pensions for officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian forces.

Mr. Cowper announced that he had been asked by the Great War Veterans' Association to bring forward a similar motion had also been brought up in other Legislatures. The pensions system as already adopted in Canada had been founded upon the British system which, of course, recognized distinctions between officers and men.

The influence which the Old Country attachment had upon Canadian regulations was recently shown, said the speaker, in the probating of wills of private soldiers. It had been somewhat difficult to have their wills probated because in Great Britain the law never contemplated a condition where a private soldier would be the owner of land.

It had been the boast of Canada, however, that all classes rushed to the colors as soon as war broke out and many men in the ranks were as well educated as those holding commissions. On the broader democratic basis, equal treatment for all, however, both men and officers should get the same pension, he maintained. For instance, assuming that the officers were principally men who prior to the war had earned their living from brain work and the private had lived by manual endeavor, the common factor between the two classes should be the greater damage to his future prospects in life.

To establish a graded pensions system, except insofar as extent of injury was concerned, would tend to destroy democratic ideals in Canada, declared the speaker. It would mean that some men should be paid more than others for the same service. He pointed out that a recent ship had been wrecked and that men from the front were 250 soldiers and twelve officers occupied the remaining two-thirds.

The House adopted the resolution without debate.

CHANGES MOOTED IN TAXATION OF LANDS

Finance Minister Touches Briefly on This in His Budget Speech.

In the course of his budget speech last week in the Provincial Legislature Hon. John Hart promised amendment of the Taxation Act of last year to correct errors which hurried legislation had failed to detect.

He promised also improvements in the taxation laws as they affect the farming community. "We plan," he said, "to have a complete new assessment of all real property coming under provincial taxation made during the next few months."

This would insure that taxation would be fairly apportioned. Farm improvements will be exempt from taxation. A new assessment of real property is to be made on which the 1913 rolls will be based. Income tax, he said, was expected to bring in \$2,215,000, real property tax \$1,000,000, personal property tax \$500,000, and the assessment tax \$220,000 during the fiscal year. No new sources of taxation were outlined, but it was intimated all the existing taxes will be maintained.

FUNERAL OF W. S. FOGGO.

The funeral of the late W. S. Foggo took place last Thursday afternoon from All Saints' church, and was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends from this city and Coldstream who assembled to pay the last sad rites of respect to one whose loss has been deeply deplored, and whose memory will long be kept green by those who held him in such high esteem and regard. The services at the church and grave were conducted by His Lordship Bishop Doull and Rev. E. P. Laycock. Many floral tributes were deposited on the bier by mourning friends. The pall bearers were Reeve Kidston and Messrs. G. A. Henderson, A. E. Ashcroft, D. Kinloch, J. Sunderland and J. A. MacKellie. The members of the Coldstream Municipal Council attended in a body, and many Vernon citizens were in attendance at the church.

URGENT NEED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION

Mrs. Muldrew Gives an Interesting and Stimulating Address on This Subject.

A most interesting lecture on "Food Conservation" was given in the Agricultural Hall on Monday night by Mrs. Muldrew of the head office of the Canadian Food Board. A committee of ladies met Mrs. Muldrew, and the hall was decorated with Women's Institute flags and banners. Mrs. K. C. MacDonald introduced Mrs. Muldrew to her audience and occupied the chair. In a well-organized and yet informal manner, the speaker pointed out the seriousness of the food question in this the greatest war in history. It was vital, it was insisted, both to the allied nations and Central Powers, as well as to neutrals. Some of the difficulties met with and overcome were pointed out. The speaker pointed to start a department under the Food Controller. Baron Rhonda started the world when he stated that facts regarding the food situation had been concealed rather than give information to the enemy. The speaker pointed to the fact that on the 22nd of December 1917 France had three days' rationing, and Italy was worse off. England had at one time cut the rations of men in training, but we never wanted it to come to the pass of cutting the rations of men in the firing line, and so this campaign is being fought.

UNIT NOTES.

The matron acknowledges with many thanks the following kind donations for the use of the convalescent soldiers in the Jubilee Hospital: "Sandy" McAuley, 2 cases of eggs; The Shock Shower, 1 box of eggs; Mrs. Hayward, eggs and fruit; Knights of Pythias, eggs; Mrs. Doull, hot cross buns; Mrs. Finlayson, Okanagan Centre, bottled fruit and jam; "J" Unit Dance, cakes and fruit; Mrs. E. B. Knight, pickles; A. P. French, magazines; Mrs. Finlayson, magazines.

Last Friday evening the Girls' Club and the Jubilee Hospital arranged a dance which was held in the court house, the proceeds of which were handed over to the amusement committee of the convalescent soldiers in the Jubilee Hospital. It certainly was a very great success in every sense of the word, and the most successful dance yet held. There were about 350 people present—quite one of Vernon's old-time dances. The hall was most tastefully decorated and the credit of this is due to Sergt. B. Y. Prismall, for he left nothing unturned to make the dance a success. The refreshments were under the supervision of the Girls' Club. Special credit is due to Miss Onn, Miss Campbell and Mrs. Croft who all worked so hard to make their part of the dance a big success, which they certainly did, and the convalescent soldiers one and all wish to tender their thanks to these ladies. And last but not least the music was supplied by the Phillips Orchestra, and with good music the dance always is a success, which this "J" Unit dance most certainly was.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

The community was inexpressibly shocked on Tuesday by the news of a peculiarly distressing accident which occurred that morning at Coldstream. It appears that Peter Mackie, aged about six years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. de F. Mackie, along with a companion, Stanley Ford, who is two or three years older, were playing in a deserted shack on a property close to Mr. Mackie's home. They discovered there a box of dynamite, and, under the influence of curiosity and boy-like stupidity, endeavored to get at its contents. Failing to open it otherwise they threw it against a stump when a terrific explosion occurred. Both boys were seriously injured, and were taken to Mrs. Kirkpatrick's home near at hand, where medical assistance was promptly procured. They were moved into the Vernon hospital that evening, but it had already been seen that the little Mackie boy's case was hopeless, and he succumbed to his injuries during the night. The Ford boy was not so seriously hurt and is now considered out of danger.

Great sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family and friends in their terribly sudden affliction.

ATHLETICS FOR YOUTH OF VERNON

City Council Approves of Scheme Formulated by Committee of Citizens.

WILL BACK ASSOCIATION

Electric Light Rates Are Advanced to Meet Changed Conditions—City This Year Will Handle Scavenger Work Instead of Letting Contracts—Ald Bell Registers Only Vote in Opposition to This Plan.

Pursuant to the direction given to the committee at the public meeting held last Thursday night, a deputation waited upon the City Council on Monday evening to present the resolutions regarding the formation of an amateur athletic association, particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. It will be remembered that this movement to provide healthful recreation for the youth of the city has been discussed on several occasions by the Council and Police Commissioners and nothing that has been mooted in Vernon for some time has been taken up with more intelligent activity and enthusiasm. As Mayor Shattford expressed it, the movement has drawn forth a more effective manifestation of the "community spirit" than has been in evidence for several years.

The intent of the resolutions was very forcibly put before the Council by the various speakers, among whom were included Messrs. A. O. Cochran, Rev. C. O. Maize, C. Fulton, D. McBride, G. F. Reinhard, Chief Clerk and Master Frank Harwood. Mr. Tuttle of the Interment Camp Y. M. C. A. also spoke in support of the project. The various speakers recited what had been done in this connection at the public meetings, and the resolutions have been published in the News, and presented the resolutions for the favorable consideration of the Council.

They were assured by the Mayor that the matter would receive sympathetic attention, and would be dealt with at that meeting.

Resolution Endorsed.

At a subsequent stage in the proceedings the matter was discussed at length with the result that the following motion was passed:

Moved by Ald. Ball and Costerton that the outlined resolutions offered by a special committee, with a view of organizing an Athletic Association, be approved and carried out, and that the Mayor appoint two members of the Council to act on the suggested Board of Management, the balance of the Board to be appointed after consulting with the committee.

The Mayor appointed Ald. Ball and Galbraith as members of the committee.

The C. N. R. Case.

The city solicitors sent in a reply received from Mr. Joseph Martin, to whom had been referred the decision of Mr. Justice Macdonald in the assessment case between the C. N. R. and the city. This was a lengthy document.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS ON CIVIC RECREATION

Athletic Association Will Be Launched Under Auspices of City Council.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of citizens called by the Mayor on Thursday night to hear the report of the committee on civic recreation. Mayor Shattford occupied the chair, and C. Fulton was chosen as secretary. After explaining the object of the meeting, His Worship called upon D. A. McBride, chairman of the committee, to give the report.

After detailing the circumstances leading up to the formation of the committee, Mr. McBride presented the report of the committee, which were considered one by one. The discussion was spirited and interesting, and although the several items of the report came in for an amount of criticism and alternative resolutions were presented, the committee's report was adopted. The spirit of the meeting was such in every way as to augur well for the enthusiastic revival of amateur sport in the city. Mr. McBride pointed out that although the report emphasized the importance of the committee, the efforts made on behalf of the youth were not forgotten, the resolutions being of an elastic nature so as to allow for expansion in that and in other directions.

The Resolution.

The report of the committee as amended and adopted by the meeting was as follows:

That a Vernon Amateur Athletic Association be organized in the interest of the youth of the city.

That the City Council appoint yearly five citizens of Vernon to be the Board of Management.

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OKANAGAN CASUALTIES.

The names of the following Okanagan men appear on the casualty lists for the past week:

Killed in Action—Lieut. Hunter Milne, Vernon.

Wounded—Lance-Corporal A. Penning, Vernon; Pte. Noel Fryer, Vernon; Pte. Arthur Turner, Armstrong; Pte. K. L. Hunter, Armstrong.

Lieut. George Craig of Penticton, formerly listed as missing, is now reported dead.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS MEET AT KELOWNA

Minimum Weights for Cars of Fruit and Vegetables Fixed For This Season.

An influential gathering of C. P. R. officials met the shippers of Kelowna and other valley points at the Board of Trade room at that city last Thursday. The C. P. R. officials included W. E. Langman, traffic manager western lines; P. W. Peters, general superintendent; W. H. Brodie, general passenger agent; W. B. Harris, car service agent; O. E. Fisher, traffic manager K. V. R.; O. C. Walker, superintendent weighing and refrigerator service; T. C. Macnab, divisions superintendent; and Alderman Mantle was in the chair. Mr. Peters recalled the promise made last year that these meetings should be held to discuss shipping matters, and regretted that the prospects for this year's facilities did not appear to be much improved. He said that the rolling stock still remained, but he hoped that things would work out all right. Mr. Langman dealt with the question of loading cars to the fullest possible capacity and outlined several changes in carload minimums.

The matter of cheaper rates for imported labor from the coast was put up to Mr. Brodie, it being pointed out that these railway rates were quite too high. Mr. Brodie informed the meeting that this question was under discussion at the moment between the C. P. R. and the Department of Agriculture, and that he hoped that a satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at.

Minimum Loads.

The scale for minimum carloads which will obtain this season was announced as follows:

Up to 100 lbs. for minimum for apples and pears will be 30,000 lbs. For stone fruits, 24,000 lbs. For mixed cars of fruits and vegetables, 30,000 lbs. For straight cars of vegetables, 30,000 lbs.

After October 1st the minimum for apples and pears will be raised to 45,000 lbs. and for straight vegetables 30,000 lbs. in box cars. All refrigerator cars must be loaded to visible capacity.

PRESIDENT WILSON ANSWERS GERMANY

In Great Speech at Baltimore He Again Sets Forth the Ideals of His Country.

Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md., April 8.—"Force" was the answer President Wilson sent across the seas Saturday night to the Teuton challenge on the plains of Picardy.

Force without limit—righteous and triumphant—this was the word, "one response," he said, "to make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."

Cheered by a gigantic throng that packed the great armory where he was first nominated for the nation's highest executive office, the President stripped the mask of hypocrisy from the face of Teuton militarism and spoke out for a finish fight.

He came here to open the Liberty Loan campaign but that, he said, was unnecessary, as the people, he declared, are awake, ready for the sacrifice, alive to its need. "The cause we are fighting for stands more sharply revealed than at any previous time of the struggle."

Germany's Declaration.

"Germany has once more declared that force, and force alone, shall decide whether right, as America sees it, or dominion as Germany sees it, shall determine the destinies of mankind," he said.

America "accepts the challenge." Henceforth everything she says or does must resound, he said, to this answer until "the majesty and might of our concerted power" shall defeat those who "flout and misprize what we honor and hold dear."

The Real Test.

The real test of their "justice and fair play" came, he said, in Russia, Finland, Lorraine and Rumania. "They are enjoying in Russia a cheap triumph in long take pride. It is a triumph, however, it is a part of the German purpose, he warned, to subject to her will all the Slav peoples, the ambitious nations of the Baltic and the peoples under Turkish 'mandate' and create a dominion which eventually will master Persia, India and the peoples of the Far East."

If that dream is fulfilled, he pledged America "and all who care or dare to stand with her," to start from the beginning again "the old, age-long struggle for freedom and right."

Treposters and Impossibles.

"Treposters and impossibles" as this may appear, he said, "I judge only by what the German arms have accomplished with unflinching thoroughness throughout every fair region they have touched."

That they would do the same things, he said, at their western front, were they not opposed by armies they "cannot overcome," he believed assured. Hence, if they are checked and suggest peace later, "could they blame us if we concluded they did so only to assure themselves of a free hand in Russia and the east?"

Will Not Recognize Peace.

The President said, however, he is ready now to discuss a fair and honest peace when "sincerely proposed"—a peace in which both strong and weak shall share alike. This was regarded as his notice that he would not recognize the blunder packs imposed by the Germans on Russia and Rumania.

The President's address appeared to knit more closely the diplomacy of the Allies than any expression that he has given heretofore. It followed a speech by Foreign Secretary Balfour in London, in which he marks similarity of viewpoint developed. Balfour said the ideals of the German military party

DIRECTORS CONGRATULATED ON SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Sixth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Okanagan United Growers Opened Yesterday Afternoon. Business Transacted Last Year Topped the Million Dollar Mark. President Mutrie Urges Continued Efforts to Stimulate the Co-operative Spirit.

The sixth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Okanagan United Growers opened yesterday afternoon with President J. T. Mutrie in the chair. Unfortunately it is impossible to give any extended account of the meeting in this issue as it came too close to our hour of publication to afford an opportunity to report it except in a very abbreviated form.

This organization is the selling agency which handles the output of the nine co-operative fruit and vegetable unions in the district stretching from Tappan to Penticton, and last year's trading statement shows that sales reaching a little above the million dollar mark were effected, the exact amount being \$1,117,748.95.

A Bright Outlook.

The spirit of the directors' report is epitomized in the following paragraph: "We look forward with confidence to the coming season, knowing that our organization never was in as good shape as it is at the present time to accomplish the results in the marketing of our crop, for which the co-operative movement was started. But we must not expect to receive the full benefit of co-operation until a much larger percentage of the growers of the valley show their faith in the movement by giving it their support. Let increased tonnage be the slogan of each and every Local for 1918."

This keynote was elaborated upon to some extent by President Mutrie in his opening address in which he outlined the aims and objects of the Association, and urged that greater efforts than ever be centered upon the two fundamental principles of efficient distribution of the products of the Union, and in aiming to fix prices to a reasonable and profitable extent.

The Co-operative Spirit.

Farmers, he said, needed to grasp the necessity of co-operation and organization. Manufacturers were able to name the price which the wholesalers paid, the wholesaler fixed the price to the retailer and the retailer to the consumer. The same system was followed by the meat and grain interests. Why, he asked, should it not obtain among growers? The O. U. G. had as one of its objects the effort towards protecting the interests of the fruit growers, so that in a measure at least they could name the price at which their products should be placed upon the markets.

He had faith enough in the valley growers to believe that when they realize what the O. U. G. is doing for them they will fall in line; but it was necessary to conduct a steady educational propaganda to keep the co-operative idea always to the front.

Progress Last Year.

Progress was made last year in the distribution of our produce, and the were able for the first time to fix and maintain prices in the prairie markets. This year the cost of production would probably be greater, but he hoped that still better prices would be realized. The farmers suffered more from lack of organization and co-operation than from any other cause, he said, than from any other cause.

Directors Congratulated.

The president's remarks were received with applause, and in moving the adoption of the directors' report Mr. White of Summerland said that he had pleasure in congratulating the directors for the past year, and congratulated them upon the report which they had presented.

The directors' report was adopted with little discussion, but a good many questions were asked in connection with the report of the directors, the balance sheet and the trading accounts, and these were under discussion when the News representative left the hall. The reports submitted were as follows:

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Shareholders of the Okanagan United Growers, Ltd.

Gentlemen—Your Directors submit herewith the fifth annual report, together with the Auditors' Report and Financial Statement for year ended December 31st, 1917.

The Shareholders at the last Annual General Meeting elected the following Board of Directors: H. C. Calhoun, Tappan; P. D. Nicholson, Salmon Arm; C. W. Little, Enderby; W. A. Culbert, Armstrong; R. Skelton, Armstrong; Capt. J. T. Mutrie, Vernon; E. Trask, Vernon; L. Dilworth, Kelowna; G. L. Aldrich, Kelowna; T. Powell, Penticton; J. Anderson, Penticton.

At a subsequent meeting of Directors the following officers and Executive Committee were appointed: President, Capt. J. T. Mutrie; Vice-President, G. L. Aldrich.

Summary of the Report.

cannot flourish alongside those of the great democracies—clearly emphasized by the President.

Balfour spoke of the "inexcusable ravishment of Russia," with the future of the world jeopardized if present arrangements were allowed to remain. And the President declared tonight that, on the outcome of the struggle depends America's place and mission in the world. He laid stress upon the difference between the German people and their rulers—but emphasized that the military, not the civilian, is speaking for the people.

Sent Throughout World.

The President's address was sent textually by cable and wireless to all the principal countries of the world for distribution.

The usual means will be employed to see that it is printed in ungarbled form in German newspapers, and efforts will be made to distribute it over the enemy lines.

L. Allan; Executive Committee, Capt. J. T. Mutrie, G. L. Allan, E. Trask; J. Anderson, C. W. Little.

During the year Messrs. F. D. Nicholson and G. L. Allan resigned their seats on the Board. Mr. C. F. Rush was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board, and Mr. L. Dilworth the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. F. D. Nicholson's resignation was not filled.

During the year six Directors' meetings and ten Executive meetings were held. The expenses and indemnity amounting to: Expenses, \$1,861.75; Indemnity, \$1,361.00; making a total expenditure of \$3,222.75, being a saving under this heading over 1916 of \$469.20.

Financial Statement.

The statement for the year shows a surplus on Fruit and Vegetables handled for our affiliated Local Associations of \$10,008.85, against a surplus in 1916 of \$5,929.60. Adding to the surplus of \$10,008.85 the profit on supplies, purchases, etc., \$2,366.75, and allowing for Working Capital Account, interest, reserve for bad debts, depreciation, etc., of \$8,413.07 leaves a surplus on the year's operations of \$4,962.53. This surplus allows us to wipe off the loss brought forward from 1916 of \$2,978.69, and to carry forward a surplus to 1918 of \$1,983.84. The total expense, less net earnings Brokerage Accounts as shown by the Trading Account, amounts to \$52,562.19 as compared with \$63,000 for the year 1916, a saving of \$10,578.09. This saving is made up of a decrease in selling expenses of \$10,384.05, and in "Head Office" expense of \$194.03. The total expenses on Fruit and Vegetables handled for 1917 amounts to 5.3% of

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CAMPAIGN STARTED

Canvass for Subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund Will Be Conducted This Week.

At a meeting of the special committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund held on Monday evening, with Mr. Hugh A. Haggis in the chair, the committee went ahead with the canvass for support to the fund, on the dates previously selected, that is to say on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April.

The various districts were allotted to selected canvassers, most of whom were present at the meeting, and cases where it was necessary to allot districts to absentees, the secretary was instructed to send them the regular subscription sheets with plan of the district allotted, which has been done. It is hoped these gentlemen will make a good canvass, with the request of the committee, and that the public will reward these efforts by generous support.

House to House Canvass.

As it is proposed to make as nearly as possible a house to house canvass, it is inevitable that many people who are absent from their homes will be missed. The fund will be approached by the canvassers; it is hoped such subscribers will not take offence, but will simply inform the canvassers that they are already supporters. The Kelowna campaign starts on the 15th, and it is hoped that the rest of the districts will follow in quick succession.

A Logical Method.

There is no method of assisting in the conduct of the war more efficacious and more logical than subscribing to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The funds collected are expended in Canada with a minimum of administration costs, and such expenditure is divided into a multitude of small payments, each of which gives satisfaction and a feeling of security to at least two persons, i.e. the soldier and his dependent, whether wife or mother. The grant is paid weekly or monthly, averaging about \$20 per month, but that \$20 in most cases just makes the difference between penury and comfort.

It is quite fitting that the dependents of men who are on foreign service should be at least as well cared for as the soldiers themselves. The grant is paid while the soldier is at home, and while the soldier's pay and separation allowance is on a very generous scale as compared with the same pay and allowances in continental armies, yet it is not quite sufficient to maintain dependents on the same scale as those of people of similar social position who have not joined the army, and it justifies this difference that the Patriotic Fund grant is intended to remove.

Prices of Commodities Have Risen.

Prices of commodities have risen largely during the war, but so also have wages, consequently the war soldier is not in a better position than the civilian. It is not much worse off by reason of the upward trend in prices, but the dependent of the soldier serving overseas receives separation allowance and assigned pay on a fixed scale, and every addition to the cost of commodities makes it more difficult for her to maintain her household in moderate comfort.

Urgent Necessity.

It is owing to this circumstance, that in the rise in prices, that the need of the assistance from the Patriotic Fund to the soldiers' dependents is even greater now than in the early stages of the war. Now the trenches cannot strike for better pay.

For every dollar collected in Vernon during the month of March four dollars was paid out in allowances to soldiers' dependents. Probably a reasonable proportion of the money collected for her two to one. Will you assist to restore the correct proportion. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VERNON DISTRICT BRANCH CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

PROVINCIAL AND GENERAL

Charlie Mitchell, one time middle-weight champion of England, died last week of locomotor ataxia.

The United States has requisitioned for use in Entente service a number of Russian steamships formerly engaged in transporting supplies between America and Russia.

British Columbia now has over 350 milch goats, owned chiefly in small lots. The goat industry in the province is growing very fast. The milk is proving highly nutritious and sanitary, the goats being practically immune from tuberculosis.

Lieut.-Col. Dan McLean has offered for service in Canada to quell insurrection or riots the services of the battalion of Winnipeg Infantry under his command, a battalion of full strength and comprising 80 per cent. returned soldiers. Col. McLean recently returned from overseas.

That a daylight saving act in Canada, putting the clocks forward one hour during the summer months, would cost the city of New Westminster \$5000 in loss of electric light revenue, was the opinion expressed by Mayor Gray in committee when the council was discussing the estimates.

Colonel C. W. Peck, member of the House of Commons for Skeena constituency, has been promoted to be acting Brigadier-General, according to advices from overseas. Colonel Peck has been officer commanding a Canadian battalion on the western front. He was elected to Parliament by the soldiers' vote.

The total value of production in the forest industries of this province last year was \$48,912,115, compared with \$35,528,000 in 1916, an increase of \$13,384,115, or about 38 per cent. The most remarkable increase is in the production of pulp, which in 1917 was valued at \$7,447,680, as against \$3,520,000 for the year before.

Instructions have been issued by the militia department to the various headquarters that in future no discharges are to be granted to returned soldiers except those who are in class E, class A, B, C and D men can not receive discharges. It is presumed that the order is the result of the urgent necessity for men at the front.

The United States has opened negotiations with South American countries, and efforts are being made through the state department to get German interned vessels in Brazil and Uruguay harbors put into the South-North American service. It is estimated, about 250,000 tons of shipping for overseas transport.

The appreciation of the Legislature was extended last week to Messrs. D. Whiteside, F. A. Fleming and E. Neilson, who acted as commissioners on the prohibition enquiry overseas last year, for work which A. M. Manson described as having been done "expeditiously, thoroughly and with exceptional intelligence."

After lengthy negotiations between Spain and Germany, it is believed that transatlantic voyages by Spanish ships will be resumed. About 1,000 passengers and more than 2,000 sacks of mail are awaiting departure. It is reported that Germany will permit the mail and passengers to start, but has forbidden the transport of merchandise.

Gross earnings of United States railroads making weekly statements to Dun's Review continue to make an increasingly favorable comparison with this period in the former years, the total of all roads that have so far reported for February amounting to \$28,871,610, an increase of 16.5 per cent, as compared with the same month a year ago.

T. J. S. Harrison, Nationalist, has been elected to Parliament for East Tyrone, defeating Milroy, Sinn Féiner, the vote being 1800 to 1219. The election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Captain Wm. Redmond, to contest the seat that had been held by his father, the late John Redmond, for Waterford. Captain Redmond won this seat in an election held last month.

The Globe's agricultural expert says: "The fall wheat situation has been wonderfully helped by the last week of mild weather, and the recent showers in Ontario. The crop last fall did not get a good top, and most of it hardly grew a three-inch blade above ground. Yet it is alive and well-rooted, and with a few weeks of good weather and harvest it will give a good average crop on her 500,000 acres sown."

The value of gold bullion deposited at the Dominion of Canada Assay Office in Vancouver for the fiscal year ending on March 31 amounted to \$3,600,025.96, a decrease over the previous year of \$47,995.25, the total for that year being \$3,132,030.71. The decrease is largely accounted for in the returns for the last month of the fiscal year, the total value of the bullion deposited being \$225,427.57, as against \$275,229.72 in March, 1917.

Walter B. Ritchie, aged sixty-seven, past supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the World, died at his home in Lima, Ohio, last week, as the result of shock suffered in an elevator accident last winter. Mr. Ritchie was one of the oldest members of the Pythian Lodge. In 1892 he wrote the ritual which is used in all Pythian Lodges, and in 1896 he wrote the Pythian catechism supplementing the ritual. In business life he was a banker.

Summary abstract of Professor Ernest Conrad, Alfred Forke, head of the department of Oriental languages, and Hugo Waldemar Jacobson, head of the department of chemistry, was announced recently by the regents of the University of California. Further than that all men were "summarily dismissed from the faculty on account of actions inimical to the United States Government," neither the regents nor the office of President Wheeler would make any comment.

Vast wheat stores are waiting in South American countries for Allied ships to move them. Twice the usual surplus—160,000,000 bushels is now offered for export by Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. In the face of increased demands for troop transport, ships for South American trade are becoming increasingly scarce. Some eighty German ships are held in Chilean and Argentine ports which could be utilized if these countries threw off neutrality or entered into the negotiations to employ German vessels in their own trade.

Flight Lieutenant Cecil K. Wilson, of Toronto, was killed in an airplane accident in England on April 1.

Toronto's estimated expenditures during the year 1918 amount to \$24,044,453, compared with actual expenditures of \$18,627,740 in 1917, an increase of twenty-nine per cent.

The Carlton Club, the principal Conservative club in London, has voted honorary membership for twenty American officers who are nominated by Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador. Previously the only outsiders admitted to the club have been General Botha, Prime Minister of South Africa, and Sir Robert Borden.

Shipbuilding in Great Britain is increasing rapidly in consequence of the warnings issued by the Government in February. Last month the "output" of tonnage exceeded 160,000, as compared with 100,000 tons in February and half that again in January. If Britain continues to turn out ships at a little above the present rate her objective of 2,000,000 tons in twelve months will be reached.

Chairman E. S. Winn and his two associates of the Workmen's Compensation Board, waited upon the Premier and the Attorney-General last week relative to amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act. The principal alteration to the measure is now on the statute books is the recommendation that all Government employees be brought within the scope of the act.

The annual report of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the year 1917 shows gross earnings of the railway and of lake and coastal steamers amounting to \$152,389,334. Net earnings from these sources aggregated \$46,564,018; net revenue available for dividends was \$33,848,192 and the surplus \$36,316,875. After payment of all dividends surplus from earnings was \$12,420,919.

Five civil service employees in the Legislative buildings were dismissed without notice last week on the ground of economy. Among them were James D. Fraser, assistant in the library, and John Hosie, library secretary. Mr. Fraser, although not gazetted on the permanent staff, had been in the service of the Government for ten years, eight of which he had spent in the library. He was a man of sixty-five.

Arrested in 1912 for bigamy, convicted and sentenced to two years in the Alberta penitentiary, having served his term and then to be arrested again on the same charge, but with a different woman in the case, was the experience of William D. Dodds who was approached by Detectives Richardson and Yates at Calgary last week. Dodds arrived from Victoria and was apprehended within a few hours of his arrival.

The confiscation and destruction of unsound or unwholesome foodstuffs found in packing houses or cold storage warehouses is provided for in a resolution of which notice has been given by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, on which a bill will be based. The resolution provides that absolute packing houses or other premises where foodstuffs are kept shall be brought under the provisions of the Meat and Canned Foods Act.

Dr. Oswald Meredith Jones, aged 55, a native of Carnarvon, Wales, who for the past 20 years was in practice in Victoria, died last week. As a surgeon he had obtained continent-wide fame. He was a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the British Medical Association, and a member of the boards of examiners for the Dominion and for British Columbia. He is survived by a widow and five children.

Within the last few days Ottawa has received its official staff in several members. The number includes George N. Williams, Governor of the territory, more exactly termed the administrator; John R. Miller, assistant gold commissioner at White Horse; William Schofield, mining recorder at Glacier House; Dr. Harold McLennan, mining recorder at Mayo; John Cameron and Phil Kelly, clerks in the gold commissioner's office at Dawson; Thomas Boord, draughtsman.

A Dominion bureau of education was urged by Dr. Scott, superintendent of schools, Calgary, before a gathering of about 1000 delegates to the teachers' convention at Edmonton, last week. Dr. Scott outlined how such an organization had grown in the United States until now it was considered of national importance in the collection and dissemination of educational literature. He insisted that a similar organization was needed in Canada, and concluded that if the Dominion had one there would be much greater unity in the teaching profession.

One thousand French civilians from the occupied zone of Northern France have been sent to Russia by the Germans and are being forced to perform hard labor, according to information obtained by Baron Cöchin, a former cabinet member. These civilians, four hundred of whom are women, are among those whom Germany offered to exchange for Abkhazians who have escaped to France. They were sent to Russia after the rejection of the proposal, which Germany attempted to place before the French Government through the Holy See and Baron Cöchin.

Documents found on prisoners taken by the French show that the German commanders have no illusions as to the sentiments of men from Alsace and Lorraine. Large numbers of these troops have been sent to the front, in which they have been incorporated, and the German Crown Prince has found it necessary to issue confidential orders to his subordinates not to put Alsace or Lorrainers in the first line nor to employ them as clerks, as of ficers' servants, or in other positions where they are likely to have access to information.

Word has been received at Ottawa that Col. Wayland of the Canadian expeditionary force has been requested by the war office to immediately proceed to Canada to supervise the distribution of seed of fibre flax which, it is expected, will be urgently required in order to supply the manufacturing needs for airplanes in the near future. An official memorandum issued there in regard to the matter states that as the importance of these supplies can not be exaggerated, it is exceedingly desirable that there shall be cordial co-operation between the farmers who will sow the special flaxseed, and Col. Wayland, who will distribute the seed to be sown.

The Detroit board of commerce, has formally announced that Detroit industries are at present short about 20,000 skilled workers.

A considerable decrease in the strength of the Royal Mounted Police, owing to enlistments for overseas service, is shown in the annual report tabled in the Commons by Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council.

The British armed boarding steamer Tithonus was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on March 28, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty. One mercantile officer and three naval ratings were lost.

Fifty thousand sphagnum dressings for use in France will be made at the University of Washington before June 15. The dressings will follow a new design. If successful it is expected that a call will come for 50,000 each week. Between 800 and 900 university girls are now registered for the work.

The latest figures of invalided soldiers on the strength of the Canadian Military Hospital Commission's command disclose that the number has fallen to 9805. This figure represents a decrease of 417 between March 15 and March 22, and a total decrease of more than 2400 since the first of January when the figure was 11,981.

Lieut.-Col. C. E. Doherty has been appointed to command the military hospitals now under the Invalided Soldiers' Commission, henceforth to be known as the Vancouver District Military Hospital. These will include the military department of the Vancouver General, the Fairmont Annex, the Belcarra Convalescent Home and the military wing of the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

W. F. O'Connor, K. C., has resigned as chief of living commissioner to the Minister of Labor. When questioned by the Canadian Press Mr. O'Connor declined to state any reason for his resignation. Mr. O'Connor added that the resignation was entirely voluntarily on his part. Mr. O'Connor still holds his position as counsel to the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor-General. But whether he intends to retain these is not known.

William S. Stitt, alias Captain Wm. Stewart, who at Calgary was sentenced to serve a term of four years for bigamy, was afterwards given another three years, having pleaded guilty to charges of wearing the King's uniform without signing up as a member of His Majesty's forces, and also for wearing decorations and gold braid insignia that he had been wounded. Stitt, who will now have to serve seven years, has been taken to Edmonton penitentiary.

The fishery products of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1917, totaled \$15,313,641, a gain over the previous year of \$173,634. The total value of the fishery products of the entire Dominion of Canada for that fiscal year totaled \$39,208,378, a gain of \$3,347,670 over former year. Of the total fishery products of the Dominion, British Columbia produced 39.30 per cent. The province again, as in recent years, leads all the provinces of the Dominion in the value of her fishery products.

The further building of wooden ships under government auspices in British Columbia is not held in a very encouraging light in view of messages from Ottawa to Premier Oliver. Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, responding to the Premier's query to Borden, replied that the Government's shipbuilding programme did not include the building of wooden ships, although there is absolutely no objection to the building of wooden ships by concerns properly accredited, for British, Allied or neutral interests.

National banks of the United States hold contracts for a few days of the enemy governments, according to a statement made public by Comptroller Williams, his figures showing that on December 31st banks had \$280,653,000 bonds of foreign governments, of the total only \$709,000 being securities of Germany or a German ally. Other foreign securities held by the banks amounted to \$69,990,000, making the total of foreign securities \$350,643,000, as compared with \$297,236,000 on November 17, 1916, and \$168,500,000 May 1, 1916.

The United States mercantile fleet will now be increased by 150,000 tons of ships borrowed and 100,000 tons bought from Japan. The transaction is mutually profitable. Japan is making a great deal of money out of shipbuilding. Steel is scarce and a supply could be obtained from the United States. So the United States traded steel plates for steel ships, and Japan will replace the lost tonnage with new shipping, making profits out of both. She will also build 150,000 tons for the United States.

A Holstein cow owned at the California State Hospital at Napa has set a new world's record for milk production in thirty days. The test was carried on under the auspices of the national Holstein body and the California State Dairy Bureau, and the thirty days in question closed last Saturday night. This dairy animal gave 3,794.6 pounds of milk in the month, as compared with a previous record of 3,767.3 pounds. This new mark is equivalent to 1,367 quarts of milk during the thirty-day period. The test is to be carried on to see if a new sixty days' record cannot be hung up as well.

Mayor Martin was re-elected last week in the municipal election for Montreal over Jos. Aney, member of the now defunct board of control, by a majority of 5270. The total votes cast were: Martin, 42,875; Aney, 35,587. This will be Mayor Martin's third term as chief magistrate of Montreal. His opponent, Mr. Aney, like himself, is a French-Canadian, having been a controller eight years, having been regarded as the representative of labor on the board of control. Among the new aldermen is Hon. Chas. March, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, who was elected in Notre Dame de Grace ward.

Mrs. Wilson wanted to get Mrs. Johnston's cook away from her so badly that she actually went to Mrs. Johnston's house when she was away and offered the cook more money. The next time they met at a big dinner Mrs. Johnston did not notice her.

"Mrs. Johnston, you know Mrs. Wilson, do you not?" said the lady who sat between them.

"No, I believe not," said Mrs. Johnston, "I understand that she calls on my cook."

Wash all woollen garments with

Unity Soap.

Halt! Hands Up!

Nine Days More---Then Curtains
SALE ENDS APRIL 20th

The "Movie Man" slaughters prices for the last awful Nine Days. You'll pay regular prices after April 20th. So get busy.

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Out for First and Last time—

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Stock up for the Holidays.

No Profit On These

75 only Latest Reprints, values to \$1.25 for.....63¢
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125 Envelopes for 60c
Regular \$1.00

Nine Days to Buy Fishing
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\$12.75 Fishing Rod, now.....\$9.55
\$3.25 Fishing Rod, now.....\$2.45
\$4.50 Fishing Rod, now.....\$3.40
\$6.75 Fishing Rod, now.....\$5.00
\$2.75 Fishing Rod, now.....\$2.10
\$5.75 Fishing Rod, now.....\$4.30
\$9.25 Fishing Rod, now.....\$7.15

A Nine Day Wonder If
They Last

\$3.00 Ladies' Handbag for.....\$2.00
\$3.50 Ladies' Handbag for.....\$2.35
\$5.50 Silver Mesh Bag for.....\$3.65
\$6.50 Gunmetal Mesh Bag for.....\$4.35
75c Beaded Bag for.....40c
35c Beaded Bag for.....20c
\$1.75 Embroidered Bag for.....\$1.15
\$1.00 Hand Painted Silk Bag for.....65c
\$2.50 Handbag, Leather, for.....\$1.50
\$10.00 Ladies' Leather Handbag for \$6.00
\$9.00 Genuine Leather Handbag for \$5.40
\$10.00 Seal Leather Handbag for.....\$6.00
\$15.00 Genuine Morocco Handbag for.....\$9.00
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\$7.25 Ladies' Companion.....\$3.65
\$9.00 6-piece Manicure Set.....\$4.50
\$10.00 Fish Knife and Fork set.....\$5.00
\$10.50 Silver Set for.....\$3.75
\$7.50 Man's 4-piece Toilet Set for.....\$5.25
\$10.00 Poker Set, Oak Case, for.....\$5.00
\$7.50 Toilet Set, Sterling Silver, for.....\$3.75
\$7.00 Ebony Manicure Set, 5 pieces, for.....\$3.50

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Buy them now at 1-3 off of regular prices. These books can't be replaced at 1-3 above the retail price they are marked. Come, see, buy. Satisfy yourselves. THE "MOVIE MAN."

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Paper
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10c and 15c for.....7¢
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to buy Cook Books, Prayer Books and Bibles, Poultry Books; Agricultural, Medical, Science, and Mechanical Books at unheard of prices. Come in and rummage through them, you're sure to want one out of the lot. THE "MOVIE MAN."

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50c Clothes Brushes.....25c
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40c Shaving Soap.....30c

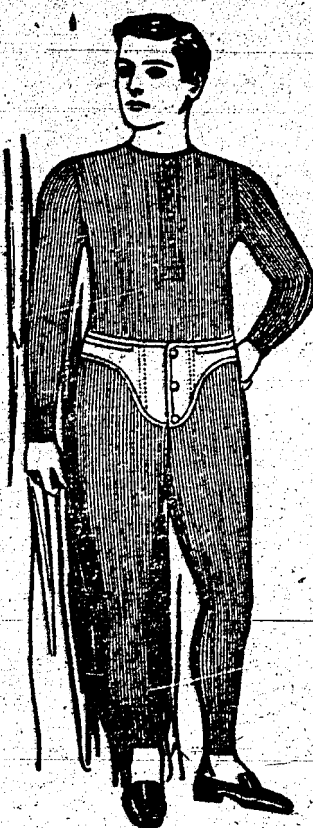
Boys, There's Only 9 Days
Left for Bargains in
Baseball Goods

25c Baseballs.....15c
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50c Gloves.....35c
1.75 Gloves.....\$1.30
2.75 Gloves.....\$2.00
\$3.00 Gloves.....\$2.25
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\$2.00 Baseball Mitt.....\$1.50
\$2.75 Baseball Mitt.....\$2.00
\$3.00 Baseball Mitt.....\$2.25
50c Baseball Bats.....40c
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\$1.50 Baseball Bats.....\$1.20

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Seams all double sewn, and every garment properly cut and made to give best of wear. These come in khaki, tan and blue. If you want value **\$1.00 and \$1.25** see this line.

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Penman's medium weight wool, all sizes, shirts and drawers. Each **\$1.75**
Combinations, per suit **\$3.50**
Stanfield's light weight wool, all sizes—
Shirts and Drawers, each **\$1.50**
Combinations, per suit **\$3.00**
The above prices mean a saving of from 50c to \$1.00 per garment over today's value.

BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR

Shirts and Drawers, each **50c and 75c**
Porous Knit, Shirts and Drawers, each **75c**
Athletic Shirts and Drawers, each **85c and 85c**
Athletic Combinations **\$1.25 and \$1.65**

Dressy Suits for Particular Men

We have the largest and best assorted stock of Men's Suits in the valley.

\$22.50—SUITS—\$22.50

Today's actual value of these suits is not a cent less than \$30.00, but our foresight in buying enables us to make this splendid offer. All are made of reliable materials well tailored and perfect fitting; smart patterns in brown and greys.

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Per pair **35c, 50c, 60c**
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Per pair **15c**

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1 Kellogg's Roman Meal Nuggets, 35c per pkt.
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Special for **50c**
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Meadow Brook Creamery Butter, per lb. 55c
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Grape Nuts, 2 pkts. for 35c
Puffed Rice, 2 pkts. for 15c
Krumbles, per pkt. 25c
Corn Flakes, 2 pkts. for 15c
Shredded Wheat Biscuits, 15c
Cream of Wheat, per pkt. 35c
Robbie Burns Short Cake Fingers, per tin 45c
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per tin 45c
Pkts. 20c

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Som-Mor Soda Biscuits, 2 pkts. for 25c
Preserve your Eggs now, the supply is large and quality the best. 40c
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Quart size 30c
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Cowan's Cocoa—Fresh shipment just in—
1 lb. tins for 45c
1/2 lb. tins for 25c
1/4 lb. tins for 25c
Chocolate Unsweetened, per lb. 45c
Van Camp's Unsweetened, per lb. 25c
King Oscar Sardines, per tin 25c
Horseshoe Salmon, per tin 25c
Pilchids in Oil per tin 25c
Cross & Blackwell's Jam, assorted, 1 lb. glass, 30c
Per jar 45c
Chase & Sanborn's Coffee, 1 lb. tin 45c
Van Camp's Pork and Beans, per tin 20c
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Shipments reach us weekly from England and Canadian factories of the best in Wash Goods. Hundreds of yards of the following:
36 in. Navy Prints, per yard **25c**
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29 in. Heavy Galateas, per yard **35c**
27 in. Plain Cold Flannelette, **20c**
Plain White Flannelette—All lines now complete.
Per yard **15c, 20c, 25c, 30c** and **35c**



Cream Casement Cloths—These are handsome curtain fabrics with color borders, 50c per yard values, Special per yard **35c**

Chintz 1 Yard Wide—In very dainty designs for bedroom curtains; worth 45c per yard, Special per yard **30c**

Extension Rods—Will fit most windows, extend to 34 inch, with silvered and brass ends and brackets complete; 30c values, Special **20c**

Blind Laces—Sew this lace on your blinds it will give your windows a smart appearance; 25c per yard values, Special per yard **5c**

Brass Curtain Pole Rings—Size 1 inch, 25c per dozen value, Special per dozen **15c**

Size 1 1/4 inch, 40c per dozen value, Special per dozen **25c**

Brass Pole Brackets—Size 3/4 inch, worth 15c pair, Special per pair **10c**

Size 1/2 inch, worth 25c pair, Special per pair **15c**

Brass Cornice Pole Fittings, value per set 25c, Special per set **15c**

Stained Oak Wood Pole Sockets, value per pair 20c, Special per pair **10c**

Drapery Pins for Curtains, value per dozen 10c, Special per dozen **5c**

Metal Bed Casters, 30c values set of 4, Special per set **20c**

Extension Rod Brackets, 10c per pair value, Special per pair **5c**

Brass Pole Ends, 3/4 inch, 35c per pair value, Special per pair **20c**

Jackson's English Wax Polish for Floors, Lino-leums, Furniture, etc., worth 45c, Special, per tin **30c**

Strong grip Scrub Brushes, 35c values, Special **25c**
Strong Cane Carpet Beaters, Special each **10c**

Asbestos Mats for your range or stove, Special each **10c**

Pie Plates worth 15c, Special **10c**

Large size Blue Enamel Tea Pots, slightly damaged, worth 75c, Special **39c**

Wire Clothes Line, 100 ft. long, worth \$1.00, Special **70c**
Clothes Line Pulleys, galvanized, Special, per pair **70c**

Carpet Pads—They grip the nose of your stairs and give your carpet extra wear; in two sizes for 23 inch and 27 inch carpet, 30c and 25c values, Special each **15c**

Cotton Dusters with handles, dust will not fly; worth 30c, Special **20c**

Pink Band English China Cups and Saucers, \$5.50 per doz. values, Special 6 for **\$2.00**

Glass Salt and Pepper Shakers with screw tops, 20c values, Special each **10c**

Glass Cheese Dishes, fern leaf pattern, \$1.50 value, Very Special **75c**

Ironstone China Platters for breakfast use, values to 25c, Special **10c**

Vegetable Dishes with Covers, sprig pattern, \$1.50 value, Special **95c**

Wall Mirrors in white enamel frame, 25c value, Special **15c**

Now is the time to do a little painting round the home. Pure prepared paint, Special per quart tins **\$1.00**

Blue Enamel Sink Strainers worth 40c, Special **25c**

Strong Wire Potato Mashers, worth 25c, Special **15c**

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1000 pairs of best Maltese Cross Canvas Footwear—Boys' and Misses' Running Shoes, also Ladies' and Men's. Lowest prices, complete stock.

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Ladies' and Children's Now in Stock. Some smart Middies have just been placed in stock in the Waist Section, a variety of styles in Norfolk slip over, and smocked, in fine drill and pique, all white also colored trimmings. **95c to \$3.95**

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A good range of novelty and tailored styles in White Wash Skirts, in drill, pique and Bedford cord; novelty pockets and belts; all sizes. **\$1.50 to \$4.50**

NEW COATS FOR SPRING

IN EXCLUSIVE MODELS

Smart Coats of Donegal tweed mixture in fawn and grey, also fine serges and wool plaids, large and small convertible collars, pockets and all round belts. All sizes. **\$17.50 to \$35.00**

Women's Bungalow Aprons, large size with pockets and belted back, light and dark colors. **85c**

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Just the thing for gardening and house work; made of an extra strong drill or print in khaki and navy blue. **\$2.75**

WOMEN'S HOUSE DRESSES

In loose fitting belted style or fitted to waists, low or high neck; some have pockets; made in chambrays, ginghams and prints; size 34 to 48. **\$1.25 to \$3.50**

SPRINGTIME HATS IN A GOOD VARIETY

Smart ready-to-wear in large sailor effects, also smaller close fitting Hats, also exclusive models in trimmed Hats. All at moderate prices. **Second Floor.**

COATS, 200 YARDS

We are still selling these at last year prices.

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The Hudson's Bay Company.

INCORPORATED 1670. HERBERT E. BURBIDGE, STORES COMMISSIONER.

CANADIAN CAVALRY MAKES GREAT CHARGE

Ottawa, April 8.—The following cable dealing with the operations of the Canadian cavalry during the last great battle has been received by Sir Robert Borden from Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia.

The message was sent to Sir Edward Kemp by Roland Hill, correspondent with the Canadian forces at the front.

"Ten days and nights without rest, rarely getting sleep, sometimes on horses, then on foot, yet today the Canadian cavalry brigade continued their wonderful record by driving the Boche back from commanding points which had cost him immense losses to gain.

"They went into the fight this morning with the calm assurance that they were so much better than the Hun that they knew they would win. I saw them coming out dead tired, but happy, this afternoon, with all their objectives gained and over a hundred prisoners of a fresh German battalion and 12 machine guns. Other guns were destroyed.

Too Tired to Run.

"There might have been more prisoners, but we were too tired to run after them," said a Fort Garry captain. The Hunns had been warned that Canadian horsemen were there, but they did not expect an attack to materialize. The Canadian command planned and directed operations, but I

believe French troops co-operated and did splendid work.

"Our casualties were not as heavy as in the brilliant cavalry action I mentioned in a previous despatch, when a large wood was wrested from the enemy infantry.

"In that story, unfortunately, I did not get the beginning of this battle. It was started by the Canadian Dragoon, who made a really old-fashioned cavalry charge over broken madow and ploughed land, with never a shelter from the enemy's fire, but surprised him so that he broke and ran before the Canadian horsemen were on him. The slaughter of Hunns was greater than my first information indicated.

Outnumbered by Enemy.

"The adventures of the Canadian cavalry since the first day of the onslaught may now perhaps be briefly told, as Canada has had no definite word of them since the German attack. They stood at the rear awaiting orders all of Thursday, and on Friday a dismounted battalion was organized. This quickly went forward and was in action on the same day. It was a give-and-take fight, with the Hunns outnumbering them at every turn, but the Canadian cavalry had much practice as infantry, and they put up a splendid rearward action all through the following days, often counter-attacking with much success. Captain and men withdrawn from the Eanes regiment were taken back to their horses and

made into a roving squadron under a Fort Garry colonel.

"Some British cavalry were attached to them and they were sent into the blue to be used where they would be most useful. Their first fight was at Villa Schelles, in co-operation with the French, and it was, according to one of our officers, splendid cavalry work, cutting in and out of hundreds of Boches who had broken through and lost their bearings. The French papers have mentioned the Canadians in this engagement and given them gratifying praise, for it was French infantry they were then protecting.

Carried Mired Line.

"On the next day came their hardest fighting in the neighborhood of Noyon. This was at Perquere Court, and their adventures there have also been graphically described in Le Matin. They rode into the fight with French cavalry and charged, carried the Hunns' first positions and then dismounted, and, under the leadership of a Canadian colonel, the French and Canadian charged on foot. The French, as a tribute, made their battle cry 'Vive Le Canada' and our men as they went on through the Hun supports yelled for 'La France'.

"It was a glorious fight and wonderfully successful, and the night Canadian was close to the hearts of the French than she has been since the days of Jacques Cartier. Still fighting as cavalry they stayed with the French until after the German occupation of Noyon and then, collecting all their

horses and men at a place well behind the French line, they made their way back just in time to drive into action and clear the wood mentioned in my other despatch.

Congratulations From Haig.

"Twice the Canadian cavalry have received a congratulatory message from the commander-in-chief. The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery are still in the fighting. Their wonderful rescue of their guns will be remembered, and better news still comes from them. In that desperate dash for freedom they lost only one gun, not two, as I mentioned previously. Their story will make a chapter in itself.

"Armored cars are still going strong, although the slowing down of the German attack has made their work less arduous. Altogether Canada at this period of time is very cheery but very tired, although has not the slightest intention of resting until the crisis is past. Each hour sees that happy state nearer."

JAPANESE AT VLADIVOSTOK.

Washington, April 8.—Landing of Japanese naval forces at Vladivostok to protect life and property was reported to the state department today by the American consul there. The action followed an attack on a Japanese officer by five armed Russians who, upon being refused money, killed one Japanese and wounded two others. The force landed was said to be small and only sufficient to prevent further disorders.

RESERVED LANDS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Important Regulations Passed by Order-in-Council at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 6.—The order-in-council making reservations of Dominion lands for returned soldiers under the Soldiers' Settlement Act has been approved by council pursuant to recommendation of Hon. Mr. Meighen, Minister of the Interior.

It is provided that all vacant and available lands within approximately 15 miles on any side of a railway, districts where there are sufficient available lands to warrant reservation, shall be reserved for the purpose of the Soldiers' Settlement Act. This applies to the lines of railway in Northern Alberta, where are situated the bulk of the best remaining homestead lands. A line is drawn along the township line approximately fifteen miles from the railway on each side, making a belt of thirty miles in width and within which all remaining vacant lands vacant lands are held for returned soldiers.

Existing Rights Safeguarded.

The reservation is effective against all applicants for entry on Dominion lands, except returned soldiers who have their ordinary homestead right, and except as to existing rights prior to the reservation. A returned soldier

who has not exhausted his homestead right may make ordinary homestead entry in the reserved areas as if the reservation had not been made. Soldier entries under the Soldiers' Settlement Act will be allowed as soon as the regulations under that act have been completed and passed by council.

Elsewhere throughout Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba no continuous areas of land are reserved, as there are no considerable tracts of vacant land contiguous to railways suitable for homestead purposes, although there is good land somewhat removed from existing lines; but individual reservations of blocks, parcels or sections of land anywhere on the prairie provinces adjacent to the railways is provided wherever they can be located. All entries throughout the western provinces which in the past few months have been cancelled or abandoned as homesteads or cancelled grazing leases or lands coming out of reserve, except where rights had been previously acquired, have been reserved for selection by the soldier settlement board and this process will be continued.

May Cancel Homesteads.

It is further provided that along any of the railway lines throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the railway belt of British Columbia, where lands are held under entry and the duties are not being performed in accordance with the regulations, action

is to be taken to have the entries of all such defaulters considered as being subject to cancellation proceedings for the benefit of the Soldiers' Settlement Act.

POLICE STRENGTH FALLS

Many Members of R. N. W. M. P. Responded to Call for Troops.

Ottawa, April 6.—A considerable decrease in the strength of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, owing to enlistments for overseas service, is shown in the annual report tabled in the Commons by Hon. N. W. Howell.

Commissioner Perry of Regina states that at the end of September last the force consisted of 53 officers, 603 non-commissioned officers and constables and 671 horses. Compared with the same date the previous year this represents a decrease of four officers, 127 non-commissioned officers and constables and 129 horses. The decrease in the force, Commissioner Perry stated, is due to "war conditions. No less than 234 members of the force took their discharge on the expiration of their term of service or by purchase and the majority of these enlisted for overseas.

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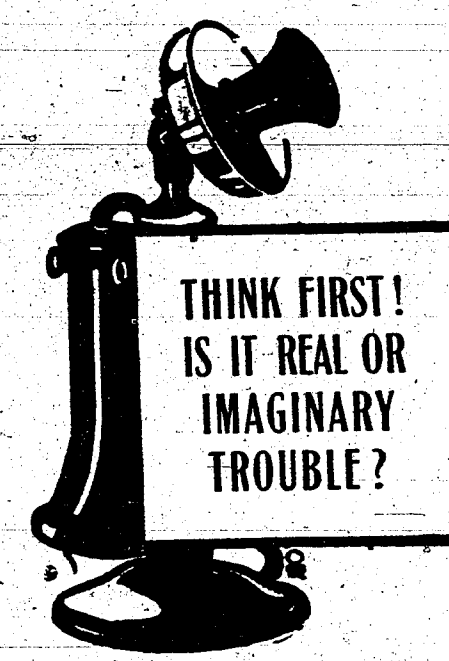
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ACHIEVEMENT OF FLEET

Pittsburg, April 5.—The place of the British grand fleet in the war plans of the Allies was described by the Archbishop of York in an address here at a patriotic mass meeting. Through the watchfulness of the British navy the Allies have been able to transport 600,000 troops with a loss through enemy action of only 2500, the Archbishop said.

Okanagan United Growers

AN APPEAL AND AN APPRECIATION

By J. A. L. Beasley, Oyaam, B.C.

In a recent issue of the News was read a report of the annual meeting of the Okanagan Fruit Union, and that the members were pleased with the year's results; furthermore a strong determination was expressed to give united support to co-operative principles by local fruit growers.

This is a more sanguine statement of the position of matters to that of former years, when there was dissatisfaction and much criticism of the management and returns from the Union, and the harmony and general optimism at the meeting as reported must have been pleasing to those who were present as well as those who read the reports.

The momentous question however arises whether the Union even after five years' existence is yet firmly established? Capt. Muttie de la Motte, who was followed by Mr. Foggo, and the Provincial Markets Commissioner, Mr. J. A. Grant, declared a critical period in the development of the Union had been reached, and unless control of the fruit business could be retained the Union would have to get out of it.

The voluminous and excellent report of the said meeting in the News should be a sufficient stimulus, but the business is so vital and urgent that too many appeals cannot be made, for there is evidence that the enemy is at work in an insidious manner, and the unwary are being drawn away. Although the loyalty of its members seemed assured in those that were present at the meeting, it is feared from information obtained that some were passive previous to an active separation in the coming season, and so what can be done by those who did not attend who were in the great majority? Who would not put their loyalty to test by active participation in a conference at which they were entitled to be present, but from which they were withdrawing their support?

Therefore the expediency of this Appeal cannot be gainsaid; and although none will deny there have been mistakes in the upbringing of the Union the writer has an accompanying appreciation to give, which is practically free from any interested influence, and an unbiased opinion gained from attending the said meeting, the reading of the annual reports, the watching of the activities of the Union and its arduous development, and a close study of the methods of the fruit growers and the selling agencies, and it is with a view to help his fellow grower, and to protect the not inconsiderable real estate investment of the writer.

Need for Co-operation.

It is late in the day to have to appeal for co-operation for this principle is a feature of the century and is spreading with praiseworthy success. In the initial stages of the self-protection movement mistakes were made and the cohesion of cohesion was in the process of manufacture whereas it is now a tried product. Hence we need not be downhearted at reading from Mr. Swift of the three early failures of the Union, given at Armstrong and Lumby, along with other excellent advice.

It is strange though the co-operative spirit in the Okanagan does not seem to be in a line with the rest of the country; maybe it is the old story that the wave of progress takes longer to reach the west, and in due time we shall have a good tide! It is hoped so, and to hasten on that desired consummation is the object of such appeals as this.

The local fruit growers we are told showed a strong determination to give united support to co-operative principles, which being unanimous is a great advance, but there is a peculiar paradox connected with this as far as one can judge: there can be a multiplicity of co-operative associations in the valley! Will not this defeat the principle decided upon? It is an improvement on the individual competition, and may be only another and intermediate stage in the process of evolution, but viewing the urgency of the matter might not this stage be jumped?

Why did not the members of the Union adopt the sage advice of Mr. Foggo and carry it out? That is the question of the meeting the only co-operative effort that was likely to place the fruit growing in the valley on a permanent paying basis was the O. U. G. Then the growers would have had a lead, and they are apt to suppose this Government association is the only one that is something other than a competitive co-operation, and that the O. U. G. is far and away the best of the lot.

In the struggle for existence there is not much scruple to advertise one's merits, and when the president uses the words "make or break" the question of survival is still a matter of opinion, when after five years it should be remote from discussion.

May be jealousies and invidious comparisons are desired to be avoided, with disturbances in the harmony of the trade; but falling this one can only suppose the members did not take the bill by the horns and declare for complete dominance of the trade, because there was a weakness in their organization. Let us examine this.

Organization.

Some think that the Union has an impracticable burden to bear in the large capital outlay at its foundation, which is the principal cause of the handling charge being higher than is agreeable; and one of the agreed plights is as to this handling charge. The packing charge, and now brought himself down to the minimum of 15% cents and lower than this he cannot get. It has been rightly pointed out why worry so over the paper and the string attached to a higher price in being obtained for the goods? If the reverse were the case there would be the greatest need to do the pruning of expenses; there is however a limit to the latter below which one cannot go without the whole organization collapsing. It has been stated that this Union was founded on what was no more than a reasonable capital outlay, such as any wise merchant would invest for a successful venture, or a fruit grower put into his ranch for profitable returns. Does not the latter have to wait six years and has not the O. U. G. only just arrived at this stage? The grower knows what yearly increase he may expect in his fruit onwards, and is it not promised that a great improvement can be made on the handling charge if the growers will support the union and thereby enhance the tonnage?

Again, what does this six cents represent? Not only valuable assets but

a live organization well staffed and built up on mistakes of the past, and now ready to deal with twice the business if the growers will only send it along; and with the experience and ability secured from those mistakes, not to be again repeated. It is ventured to remark that this six cents per box is not an exorbitant charge for the facilities and services rendered, although with increased tonnage it can be advantageously reduced, which is up to the co-operative spirit of the growers to bring about; and why do some of the members complain? Simply because they hear and know of other organizations that are working for less. Will they ask themselves how the latter have been formed, and how long? And further, if the reason for the lower charge is only because such organizations have virtually no assets and only a temporary staff? In fact nothing exists but a board of directors and a seasonal equipment, not a permanent outfit.

In this reference local co-operative associations are being referred to and private concerns or brokerage houses; for the latter will be dealt with later.

To all this the grower may state, what does it matter to him, so long as he gets a higher price for his fruit, and here lies the crux of the matter. It is ever the same—the higher price today, with the risk of the lower tomorrow and none the day after! Is it not far better to pay the six cents and deal with a co-operative concern of one's own, feeling all the time that it is being built up, and in the years to come will be so established as to make the fruit business a permanent and remunerative industry? Have we not the examples in the western states of America in fruit, and the prairies of grain? Everybody is familiar with the rise and the growth of the grain growers' societies of the three prairie provinces.

Then as to the nine and a half cents for selling: one does not hear so explicit objection to this, for presumably a brokerage charge or commission is more recognizable. If a grower prefers to sell his crop himself direct to the retailer, and save this charge there is no objection, but this was the policy before the Union was founded, and we all know how it ended. If the fruit is not supported by the Union, it is not supported by the grower, and those who are following this course are whether they know it or not dangerously working in this direction.

If we regard the six cents alone, or the fifteen and a half in combination, there is a splendid organization obtained in return for the six cents, and the view of the Government is not the view of the writer alone, but the emphatic testimony of Mr. J. A. Grant, the Markets Commissioner.

Disloyalty.

It is with regret one has to write of the disloyalty of members, and by the latter is meant shareholders, for many presumably do not call themselves members, and were not present at the annual meeting, because they are not in the Union, and those who are following this course are whether they know it or not dangerously working in this direction.

If we regard the six cents alone, or the fifteen and a half in combination, there is a splendid organization obtained in return for the six cents, and the view of the Government is not the view of the writer alone, but the emphatic testimony of Mr. J. A. Grant, the Markets Commissioner.

Have these shareholders thought of their position? Do they realize the lack of faith in the Government, when they are petitioning for monetary help to start a co-operative organization? Do they see that by deserting their own creation they are not only weakening its influence, but throwing an unkindly light on those who are remaining loyal, and there is a stain on the body as the annual meeting disclosed?

There were a number of withdrawals last season, and it is to be feared there are others now in contemplation. If this draining of the membership is to continue the collapse of the Union is inevitable, and then what will the Government say? Will it ever be of use appealing for help on some future occasion? Once bit twice shy.

Is it therefore any use appealing to a shareholder's loyalty to support his union? Even if he knows he might get a higher price elsewhere for the time being he can feel he is paying to build up an organization which in the years ahead will keep his fruit market secure; and he will then need to worry from season to season as to how he shall dispose of his crop, or if he will find a profitable market.

The answer to this appeal for the loyalty of all shareholders who have withdrawn their fruit, will it be feared be "dollars are worth more." Have they forgotten the past already? They think it would be easy for the Union to get the fruit of the Union passes away? It is claimed that those who are loyal will win out in the long run, and all disloyal shareholders should be penalized in some way.

This question of loyalty crops up in several ways. A shareholder who withdraws his fruit, having unconsciously formed the idea he was dealing with a shipping company on a par with the several that do business in the valley; in fact his actions correspond precisely therewith.

His own creation, his company, and that the Government has backed it for him with substantial help, without which he would still be in the trouble he was six years ago. Gratitude should be worth some dollars, and loyalty many more. Therefore he should have a ready answer to the soliciting outside buyer, "I am a member of the Union," and he should have faith he is being treated properly, or failing this attend the meetings and see that things are put right, as explained later.

Another aspect of loyalty is in the refusal of one or two of the directors to remain on the board. One does not like to impute any ulterior motives or intentions, but a grave question arises of the continuance of the business of these growers with the Union. They control a large outlay of capital, and if they are to be withdrawn it will be a nasty blow. Any assurance to the contrary does not appear in the report, and there were apparently no private reasons. If large growers become disloyal what excuse this will be for the small growers? It is a very regretful part of the day's proceedings. Cannot some assurance be given that these crops will not be lost to the Union?

Management.

To recapitulate, it has been shown that co-operation is essential to a profitable business; that the O. U. G. is an efficient organization; and that charges members with a fair scale of charges under conditions; and that loyalty is an essential of its existence, and that a shareholder should rally to its help especially during the coming season when the critical period of its existence has come. What therefore

will be the excuse of the defectors? The same old story, "the price is too low," and the "management is too expensive."

Now instead of thinking these things at home, a member should go to the meetings and give expression thereto; and if he has a good case there will be no difficulty in getting others to support him; and if there is clear want of management and lack of confidence in the directorate a strong opposition vote can be got to make a change. The directors are not infallible and will welcome help and ideas. There was manifest coming help and ideas. There was manifest coming help and ideas. There was manifest coming help and ideas.

This then is the way to improve the management and for the members to make the Union the most profitable and shipping business in the valley; and shipping business in the valley; and shipping business in the valley.

And what has been done for the grower? Not only the shareholder but every grower throughout the valley. It is the highest achievement of which such an organization can aspire, viz., to decide the opening price for the fruit on the prairie! There can be no strength if the price could not be supported by a sufficient tonnage; and how is the latter to be maintained if the growers do not rally to the assistance of the Union?

If this had not been accomplished, we are told authoritatively there would have been a loss on last season's crop from 15 to 20 per cent. This was the courage, and determination of the management, and since it meant thousands of dollars to the grower, the 15% cents for charges is of small consideration in comparison. Will the shareholders who have withdrawn their fruit think seriously of this? Is it not a good reason to rally to the assistance of the industry through another organization?

Future Prospects.

That the Union is in a sound condition financially we have the assurance of the president, and this is the view of the Government. It is the statement of the president on the maintenance of the tonnage, and attention is called to this. The number of cars shipped is 661 for last year, precisely the same as 1916, and only fifty over the previous year, so that the Union is in a sound financial condition. This is the view of the Government, and it is hoped that there will be a considerable increase this coming season, especially if the growers come forward to help as they should.

The prospects are indeed bright with the practical proposal to erect a warehouse and office, and place the business on a long term basis. The scheme is before the members and Mr. Laidman deserves unstinted praise for the capable way he has handled the subject. To a body of shareholders the most ludicrous of all is the \$40,000 warehouse can be erected without call on the shareholders for any further funds. One scarcely ever remembers such an instance in an experience of joint stock ventures in the city of London, England.

By this means the cold storage accommodation provided for the growers will be increased. The writer is not officially authorized to state that those shareholders who do not enter into contracts now will be benefited from this advantage; but some barred from this advantage; but some barred from this advantage; but some barred from this advantage.

Let every shareholder fill in his contracts with confidence, and any outside grower join the Union at once. Westbank and Summerland seem very well pleased with the prospects, and Kelowna is following suit and even sending out members to canvass on behalf of the O. U. G.; and those are growers who are convinced that this association can do the best for them, in returning and the best for them, in returning and the best for them, in returning.

There is another important point that must not be overlooked in calculating the future prospects. This warehouse is to be erected without any further contribution from the shareholders, and will mean the saving of one or two thousand dollars per annum in rent and other items; hence there will be a chance of a reduction on that six cents handling charge. If ready cash is the material consideration, the banks are recognizing the standing and stability of the O. U. G. that advances will be made on the crop when members' notes are endorsed by the Union.

It is not therefore the Union gaining in reputation and worthy of your support? And in these several advantages does it not stand above any of its competitors? Think carefully before making a mistake by the industry, half truths, and subtlety of its opponents, as Capt. Muttie so plainly put it at the meeting.

An Attack on the Union.

It is clear a greater effort than ever will be made this coming season to suppress or weaken the power of the O. U. G. the brokers and other trading concerns are making every effort to break the price first named by the

Union on the prairie markets. They had always been successful before, and reaped the advantages over the grower, and it was a surprise on this occasion that they failed. What was the cause? Nothing more than the tonnage behind the Union that gave the officials confidence and courage. It is stated to be only about 50% of the total of the valley now, but if it can be increased to 75% or upwards then the grower will secure a further 15 or 20% increase in his net returns. Would this not be splendid and compensate him for the years of waiting? And why cannot it be done? Let the grower give the Union another chance and this coming season make up the 75% tonnage, and see if that six cents does not go down and the price go up? Let the Union reap the advantages of his business, which was formed by Government. Let him recollect that but for the aegis of the Union he would be at the mercy of private interests; and these are coming to the front more than ever this year, either in open display or in the guise of mutual fruit unions or brokerage houses. Thus the grower will be surrounded by many such for the sake of the case in the valley; and the grower who runs may read, and one feels it is not necessary to add thereto.

Where the grower is making a mistake is in thinking that conditions have radically changed. They have not. What were before the Union was made no difference to this article, it is not a necessity but a luxury in these times, so has not risen like other staple products. Further, more he forgets that last year was an abnormal season, which is scarcely likely to come again. Then the brokers on the prairie were caught by the O. U. G. on the fixed price, and this has stimulated them to get at the grower and try and break this newly found power.

Therefore these influences in combination have caused an abnormal demand for fruit, with a strong speculative element at work this spring. It will not continue for long if it is found that the Union can stand the attack. This entirely depends whether the grower can be swayed from his allegiance, by a tempting bait in the way of a higher offer for his fruit. It will pay the enemy well, if a loss or less profit arises this year provided he can succeed in putting the Union out of business. Let the grower beware!

A Paying Concern.

It generally indicates that a business is not a paying concern when shareholders begin to withdraw from it; but what is the position of the Vernon Union? It shows a handsome profit on the year. This has not been obtained out of the fruit part of the business as from the feed sales. Is it not well known that the cheapest house in Vernon for feed and other ranchers' requirements is the Union store? Moreover feed can be obtained here that cannot be had elsewhere. Surely not, and yet one department must run with the other. This trade is increasing from year to year, and it is now proposed to take some of the profit to help the shareholder with his fruit, in the way of a bonus, which hitherto a loss on the handling charges has been made up out of the feed surplus. By withdrawing his fruit does the shareholder know that he has been losing this advantage? And it will be more material in future.

Therefore whilst the grower makes no contribution to the feed profit, but takes therefrom, he is helping to build up a business if he is a shareholder, and particularly sends his fruit to the Union, which is going to be his stand-by in the years to come; and in fact one of the financial elements that will enable him to secure the advantages of the front-proof storage now promised.

Will the far-sighted grower therefore not transact all his business with the Union? And thus share in the rising prosperity. Is it not policy to bank at an established house in the valley, than to deal with a concern that may any day and not be in existence tomorrow?

May the fruit of this Appeal be seen in next season's increased tonnage?

TWO-DOLLAR MINIMUM

Canada Grain Board Take Action to Protect Farmers.

Winnipeg, April 6.—At this week's session of the Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada, George Fisher, representing the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, recommended that the guaranteed minimum price for the 1918 wheat crop be \$2 a bushel. The suggestion was accepted without comment by the board.

Other grain men in his suggestion that a diversion charge be made legal for grain diverted by the grain supervisors. The suggestion was opposed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture. The minimum price is intended to protect the farmers of the country, who are planning to seed a large acreage at considerable cost.

According to the Free Press Evening Bulletin there is a general opinion that the fixed price for wheat will not be changed for the 1918 crop either in Canada or in the United States. This year the price of wheat is \$2.21 a bushel for No. 1 Northern wheat, f.o.b. Port William, Ont. This is a maximum price.

WILL NOT RETURN DURING SESSION

Sir Thomas White's Health Will Not Permit of Parliamentary Work Now.

Ottawa, April 6.—Definite word has been received from Sir Thomas White, who is in California, that he will not return to Ottawa until after Parliament prorogues. His physicians have advised him that it would be unwise for him to attempt to participate in the labors of the session.

In the meantime, Hon. A. K. McLean will continue to be acting Minister of Finance and will deliver the budget speech, which will be made some time this month.

One of Sir Thomas White's hopes is that, at the expiration of the period mentioned, he will be able to resume his duties as Minister of Finance.

Utility Soap used in the tub will save a lot of rub.

In a recent examination paper for a boy clerk's post was this question: "If the Premier and all the members of the Cabinet should die, who would officiate?"

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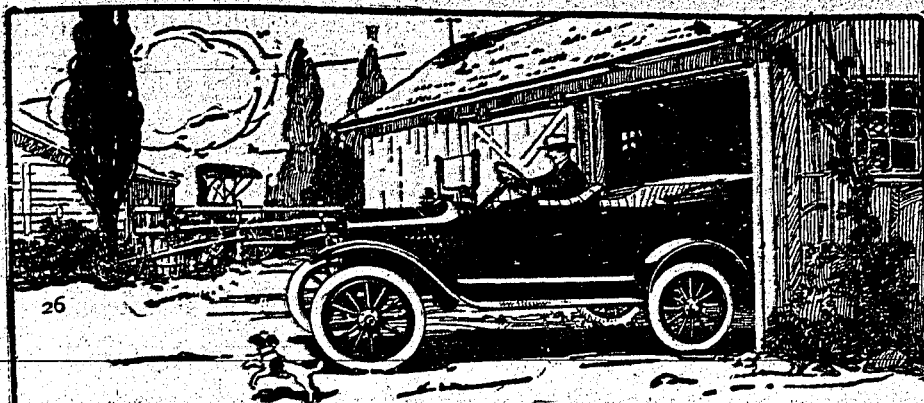
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ROSS CRITICIZES HIS SUCCESSOR

Former Minister of Lands Scores Policy of Hon. T. D. Pattullo.

Victoria, April 6.—Mr. W. R. Ross, former Minister of Lands, had his fling in the House on Tuesday at the new Land Act brought down by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, his successor. He thought the bill "much cry and little wool," and the expression of the present minister's desire to bring down something he might call a bill rather than the expression of any desire for public welfare. He found no outstanding features other than the apparent desire for transference of powers heretofore relegated elsewhere, to within the minister's discretion, he said. If constructive ideas were to be welcomed by the Government, he said, why not adopt a grazing policy, something which has been clamored for in this province ever since the war started and the need for raising sheep became emphasized. Millions of acres of good sheep-grazing land is available, and it was a source of general regret that the Government has made no direct move in this regard. The direct result in increased production from some sensible effort on the part of the Government to utilize the big grazing areas would be well worth the trying of the Ross.

Board a Bank Failure.
The Land Settlement Board was classed by the former lands minister as a bank failure and he advised that the "whole bunch" be cleaned out and a new crowd appointed. Also he advised that, for example, the board should be taken from under the control of the Minister of Agriculture who, he said, is too busy with railroad matters to give proper attention to the portfolio of agriculture, and placed under the control of the Minister of Lands, where it rightly belongs. Mr. Ross urged a complete reorganization of the Land Settlement Board, and thought the Government could do considerably worse than pit Mr. E. D. Barrow of Chilliwack at its head.

Returning to the new bill, Mr. Ross continued his criticism by suggesting that it was drawn up apparently for the purpose of benefiting a few small holders in the minister's own electoral district, rather than being conceived for the broader good of the public. In other words, he said, the minister's mind was apparently directed more toward the necessities of his friends, than to public needs, with the situation standing no nearer solution than it did under the old administration. He urged that some steps be taken toward the opening-up and settlement of the Peace River country, asserting that a few of the things it could be developed under the workings of the bill before the House. Mr. Ross also entered a denial of former statements that the old administration authorized the expenditure of road money mostly around election times, and from figures calculated to prove his point. He defended the old system of pre-emption.

HON. JOHN HART'S FIRST BUDGET SPEECH

Deficit of Over a Million and a Half Is Forecasted by Minister of Finance.

Victoria, April 4.—Considerable interest centred this afternoon on the first budget speech delivered by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, in the Legislative Assembly.

He presented the estimates for 1918-19, and immediately proceeded with the budget speech.

Discussing the financial position of British Columbia, he also reviewed the revenue and expenditure of the past two fiscal years, and detailed the estimated income and outlay for the year commencing last Monday.

The revenues for 1918-19 are estimated at \$9,900,550, and the expenditures chargeable to income account are \$9,658,245. In addition, however, are capital expenditures of \$1,955,440. As a result there will be an apparent deficit of \$1,711,635.

The minister pointed out that the interest on the P. G. E. largely increased the amount required for the sinking fund on the public debt, and interest on the mortgage of the B. C. House in London equalled this estimated deficit.

Little change in general taxation is foreshadowed, although some relief is provided in the Government policy for farmers and the mining industry. These, however, are the chief features in this connection.

"Coming to the public accounts for the fiscal year 1916-17 the estimates for which were prepared by the late Government, we find," said Mr. Hart, "that the actual net revenue was \$6,506,783.65, as against an estimated revenue of \$5,944,015.12. The chief items in which the estimate was below the actual amount received were those of timber licences, where there was \$208,000 more received than was foreseen by the Minister of Finance of the day; mineral tax, where the excess was \$187,000; and the tax on Great Eastern and real property tax, which was greater by \$82,000. On the other hand the actual net expenditure was \$9,079,317.70 as compared with the estimate of \$11,301,374.86. The net result of the year was a deficit of \$2,172,534 which rules in the general account of the deficits which the late Government accumulated in five years to \$18,358,751."

IRRIGATION BILL UNDER DISCUSSION

J. W. Jones of Kelowna Strongly Advocates Government Ownership.

Victoria, April 4.—The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Water Act was continued Tuesday afternoon by J. W. Jones, Conservative member for South Okanagan, who spoke for more than an hour, with irrigation in all its phases as his text. He told of the sixteen millions of dollars invested in orchard lands in the Okanagan Valley and how any legislation passed by the Government would naturally affect the whole of that huge investment. The virtues of the Okanagan apple were extolled—at which not a member in the House would cavil since each desk has already been decorated on several occasions with rosy-cheeked specimens from Dry Belt orchards.

Government Ownership.
The whole tenor of Mr. Jones's remarks centred around his belief that no other plan outside of Government ownership of irrigation concerns would adequately meet the situation and protect the localities dependent upon unlimited water supply for the production of their crops. The Government, he said, when the late Premier and the ex-Attorney-General had toured the interior subsequent to the return of the Liberal party to power, their promise had been Government ownership, and much to the dismay of the members for South Okanagan, the Minister of Lands was not prepared to go that far in the bill before the House.

Mr. Jones appealed to members of the House to take a trip to the Okanagan so that each one could see for himself how very serious was the condition of the water users of the Dry Belt in order to afford them an opportunity to discuss the proposed measure prior to its introduction to the Legislature.

One of the means by which some relief could be secured would be for the Government to build more dams and amalgamate some of the paralleling water-carrying systems. Apparently mindful of the outlay necessary even for this procedure, Mr. Jones deprecated the granting of financial assistance to tourist associations by the Government while projects in the Okanagan Valley directed to increase production and aid the agricultural development of the province were starving for the want of capital outlay.

NEW RULES FOR EATING HOUSES

Strict Regulations Regarding Food Will Be Brought Into Effect at Once.

Ottawa, April 6.—A radical change in restaurant regulations has been ordered by the Canadian Food Board, except for certain clauses, goes into force at once. These regulations contain many additional clauses and are more drastic than anything of the kind known in Canada heretofore. They apply to public eating places of all kinds, including hotels, restaurants, cafes, taverns, clubs, dining cars and steamships or any places where meals or refreshments to the number of twenty-four or more per day are sold or served to persons other than members of the family or household of the proprietor. After these regulations have become familiar to the public as applied to public eating places, it is the intention of the board to have similar regulations, insofar as they are practicable, put into effect for private households. The board is convinced that the greatest possible conservation of foodstuffs is the undertaking by the people of Canada and that the time has come for very strict regulations and strict enforcement of them.

WANT OTTAWA TO BONUS INDUSTRY

B. C. Members Urge Establishment of Steel Plant on Coast.

Ottawa, April 6.—The British Columbia members had another interview with members of the cabinet yesterday when they again urged that the Government grant a bonus for the establishment of the steel industry in British Columbia. They ask for a bounty of \$3 per ton for the first five hundred tons daily and \$3 a ton up to 1000. They presented information in regard to the market for steel and iron on the coast and gave assurances as to the iron ore available.

The ministers present were Hon. A. R. McLean, Minister of Finance; Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. P. C. Macdonald and Hon. Hugh Guthrie. Mr. MacLean expressed his sympathy with the proposals and gave definite assurance that in the course of the next few days the matter will be brought before the cabinet.

NEED MEN, NOT WORDS

War Will Be a Long and Hard One, Says General Leonard Wood.

New York, April 8.—General Leonard Wood, just returned from the battle front, believes the war will be long and hard.

"It is wicked to mislead our people into believing that it will be an easy war," he declared here. "It is going to be a war that will try our very souls."

He said that inefficiency in connection with making war is treason and means that Americans will lie in heaps among the necessary dead. Denouncing profiteers, triflers and politicians, Wood said: "Our allies want men, not words."

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The board also gives notice that on and after June 1, 1918, no person shall operate a public eating place without having first obtained a license from the Canadian Food Board. The regulations do not apply to military, lumber, mining, construction and fish-curing camps and hospitals.

The following is a detailed summary of the most important of the new regulations:

Restricted Foods.

Beef and veal may be served at evening meal only.
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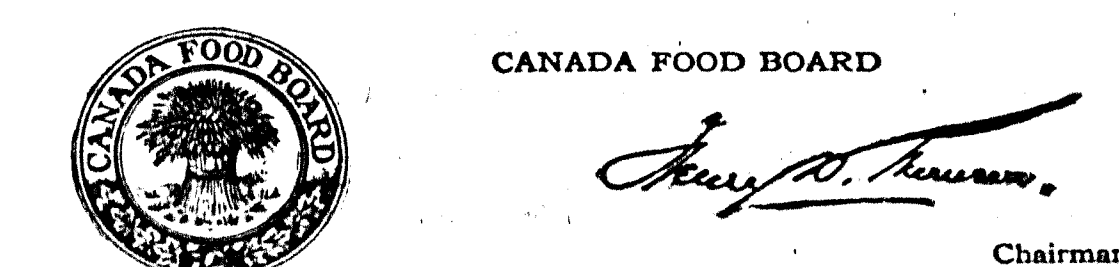
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It is difficult to say anything in this connection that has not been said over and over again in these columns. We suppose it is useless to endeavor to combat arguments advanced by those who seek an excuse to refrain from subscribing to this fund. We can only repeat that this is a case where those who can afford to contribute should consider it not only a duty but a privilege to do so. We are not asked to give; we are asked to pay. This is not a charity; it is a debt. We owe this money to the men who are saving us from disaster and ruin. At a cost beyond calculation, they are guarding the nation and protecting the wives and children of our comfortable people from German cruelty and lust. They have become our creditors and the debt can never be fully redeemed. We are asked to meet an infinitesimal instalment of the obligation in order that soldiers' dependents may "carry on."

The Canadians at the front have been true to the Canadians at home. The Canadians at home must be always solicitous to show themselves true to the Canadians at the front. One sacred duty we all owe to those heroes is to see that their dependents at home are well cared for. The time has come to renew the Patriotic Fund. Everybody must desire to have a part in that. We now owe more than ever to our fighters. We must not be more stunted in our giving, but more liberal. In this war nations are fighting nations, not simply armies fighting armies. The people at home must be banded together for reinforcing our army, for amply provisioning it and keeping it supplied with all the necessities of war, and for maintaining the dependents of its soldiers. This war is a great co-operative movement on the part of the Canadian people. They stand by one another. Those of them who have been deprived of the care of a breadwinner become the care of the collective breadwinners and prosperous ones who remain at home. This time let us give more generously and do what we can to make the giving of others more generous.

A GOOD MOVE.

The News is most heartily in accord with the movement recently launched in this city to provide healthful recreation for the youth of the town. We feel like extending very warm congratulations to the City Council, the Police Commissioners and the Citizens' Committee by whose joint action this problem has been met in a manner that gives promise of a happy solution. The fact that juvenile recklessness, to call it by no more severe a name, has developed to a rather dangerous extent in this city has been apparent to all acquainted with the facts during the

past year. With the parental control of the fathers who are serving overseas removed from so large a percentage of our boys some such a condition of affairs is, perhaps, not a surprising result. The best possible remedy for such an outbreak is contained in the plans and suggestions of those whose efforts have culminated in the formation of an Athletic Association under the aegis of the City Council. We wish the movement every success, and have no doubt as to its beneficial effect.

FOOD CONSERVATION.

The visit of Mrs. Muldrew to Vernon ought to be of great benefit to the production and conservation campaign. She has told us our duty and our opportunity in the plainest and most direct way, and has put it up to every citizen to do his utmost in this great endeavor.

The British Minister of Foods has said that the situation is grave and urgent beyond the possibility of exaggeration. We who stay at home in a state of comparative ease and safety can keep that safety only by making sure that we can keep our fighting men fed. Hungry men cannot fight. We have no choice now; it is fight or farm. Men, women, girls and boys, in fact every one who is not engaged in work which is vitally necessary, should be ready to get out and take some part in food production.

To hear some folk talk one might think that British Columbia had unlimited food for which she can get no market, but if this is so what is the answer to the following questions from a Vancouver paper:

1. Why does B. C. have to eat Alberta beef for six months of the year?
2. Why is 90% of B. C.'s ham and bacon imported from Alberta, Toronto and Seattle?
3. Why is 90% of B. C.'s lamb and mutton imported from United States?
4. Why is the most of B. C.'s supply of turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens imported from Ontario and United States middle-west?
5. Why does British Columbia send \$3400 per day to Alberta for butter and eggs?

With the added problem of transportation, one which is so very difficult in this province, why should this present condition exist?

These questions refer to home consumption, and we must solve that and also the problem of helping to feed part of Europe.

Lady Drummond, cabled the National Council of Women recently: "Every ounce of energy thrown into the work of stimulating food production and achieving food conservation, particularly at this moment, is of vital service to the Allied cause. There is need for all Canada can give of cereals, meat, bacon, butter and cheese."

Let us have as few as possible unplanted lots in Vernon this year. In the face of the terrible need an unproductive lot ought to be considered as almost a municipal disgrace.

GERMANY'S PLANS.

Reviews of a book recently written in Germany have come under our notice and afford a clear indication of the Hun attitude of mind regarding the future plans of the Kaiser and his people. The book in question is written by General von Freytag-Loringhoven, a man who stands high in the war councils of his country and is deputy chief of the general staff of the German army. His book, entitled "Deductions From the World War," was published last fall, and is said to have had a great sale in Germany. Efforts to prevent it from circulating outside the country were made, but a few copies were smuggled out, and from one of them an English edition has been prepared. Extracts from this remarkable work have already appeared in several Canadian and American papers.

Its importance is such that it is a duty to impress upon the public the significance of this work. It confirms an opinion that has been more than once expressed in these columns, namely, that the Germans must be judged as a people, and that to make distinctions between the Kaiser and the Junker class and the rest of Germany is both idle and vicious so far as militarism is concerned. There was a time in the war when certain English and Canadian publicists sought to impress upon the people that they must not hate the Germans; that we must consider them as unfortunate sufferers from a poison; that we were not to be their executioners, but rather their kindly, if firm, attendants and physicians. Until quite lately some such idea appears to have been entertained by President Wilson. It is reasonable to suppose that the German people know themselves best, and if there are any yet who persist in the doctrine that the Germans have had forced upon them a form of government which they abhor, and that they are really decent, kindly, peace-loving folk at heart, the words of Prince Bulow are interesting: "Militarism is not a Prussian invention," he says, "Militarism is Prussia herself."

It seems incredible that after this war Germany should still have a taste for slaughter, but it is plain that Baron Freytag-Loringhoven is acting on this belief. There is only one thing that will cure this maniacal bent in the German mind, and that is absolute, overwhelming de-

feat, bitter suffering and a league of nations that will constitute itself an armed guard of Germany for a generation and more to come. The Baron laughs at the idea of ridding the world of war by means of mutual agreements, but says that occasions must continue to arise when the forces in one nation will refuse to be controlled by an agreement made years before. The notion of a universal league for the preservation of peace is ridiculous, he says, and any proud-spirited nation would regard such an organization as "intolerable tutelage." Equally Utopian, therefore, is the idea that Germany herself should be invited to join such a league. There was, in fact, if not in name, such a league before the war began; that is to say a league of nations that would not provoke war. Germany was supposed to be a member of it. Hence the present struggle.

Freytag spreads the gospel of war among the German people. If he has any regrets as a result of the developments of the present war the chief is that the Germans have not sufficiently studied war. He quotes with approval the words of Frederick, who wrote in 1768: "The military art demands continuous study if one desires to attain a thorough mastery of it. I am far from flattering myself that I have exhausted it. I am even of opinion that a human lifetime is not long enough in order to pursue it to the very end." Plainly it will be the duty of German scientists to concentrate their attention on the problem of increasing the span of human life, so that Germany may produce a certain number of murderers who will begin the study of military science at the age of three and continue it for a hundred years or so. On their deathbeds they will then be able to hand their plans to the ruling Kaiser or President and permit him to start the next war with better prospects of success.

As regards the practical lessons learned from this war, the Baron says that in future there must be a great increase in the number of machine guns to a company. Cavalry ought not to be proportionately increased, but a considerable force will be necessary. The system of training must be made to include men not now subject to it. In fact, every male, able-bodied or not, must have military training. The navy must be greatly increased, but how it is to be increased he does not say. Perhaps the idea is to take over the British navy as a going concern. He points out the necessity of seizing industrial centres and coal fields in neutral countries, and admits that economic conditions will continue to play an increasing part in future wars. The lesson we should read from this book is that any peace that may be concluded with Germany that does not involve her destruction as a military power will be regarded as a mere armistice, which will enable her to raise another army and make another bid for world dominion.

A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

The Toronto News in commenting upon the proposal advanced by the Great War Veterans' Association that all alien enemies in Canada should be compelled to work, finds the matter hedged around with greater difficulties than appear on the surface, and says that the Daily News has repeatedly expressed its sympathy with the desire of the Great War Veterans' Association that aliens, and especially enemy aliens, should be conscripted for essential war-time industries at soldiers' pay. We have recognized the difficulties that lie in the way of such action. It nevertheless seems grossly unfair that foreigners should be making very high wages in Canadian industries while native Canadians and British Canadians are pouring out their life's blood in their country's defence overseas. The problem is one of the most complicated with which the Government has to deal. The ethics of international practice have to be observed. Nor must any step be taken which would be likely to disturb vital industries during the most critical period of the war. It is hoped that some means may be found of going far in the direction advocated by the Veterans.

THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX.

Home-staying Canadians will, says the Toronto News, pay the Federal income tax without complaint. Those liable to the tax are in receipt of incomes which make them able to meet it. Their sacrifice is negligible when compared with that of the Canadians who have given up their ordinary employment and gone overseas to risk everything in defence of the country. Married men are exempt up to \$3,000 and single men up to \$1,500. This rating may seem hard to some single men with dependents who maintain domestic establishments quite as expensive as those kept up by many married men. The Draft Bill sent down to the House of Commons exempted incomes of bachelors up to \$2,000, but there was a demand from members belonging to both of the old political parties that the exemption should be reduced to \$1,000. It was by way of compromise that \$1,500 was the figure decided upon. We imagine that most patriotic single men with dependents will take their medicine with considerable complacency. The lowering of their exemption from \$3,000 to \$1,500 involves a tax of only \$60 per annum, or the price of a suit of

clothes and a pair of boots at war-time prices. They are infinitely better off than their gallant comrades on the firing line.

POTATO GROWING.

When three hundred and thirty-two years ago Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the potato from this continent into Ireland, nobody could have foreseen or imagined the immense part that it would come to play in feeding the world. It was nearly eighty years before the Royal Society of England took up the cultivation of the potato as a cheap food in case of famine. In another eighty years, famine in Scotland brought the potato into extensive notice as a cheap article of food. Another thirty years saw France taking notice of its value. Mr. W. T. Macoun, the Dominion Horticulturist, briefly explains all this in a hundred-page bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, in which is also given complete and comprehensive information as to the cultivation of the potato. Mr. Macoun goes fully into his subject, dealing with the preparation of the soil, of the varieties of seedlings, of the manner and method of planting, of protection against insect pests and diseases, of the time to plant, of the districts best suited to the different varieties, of the care that should be taken during growth, and of gathering, storing, and shipping. Particulars are also given of the results of experiments and tests made at the Experimental Farms and stations throughout the Dominion. In short, pretty well everything in the shape of information that is of value to potato growers, with many exact and interesting illustrations, is to be found in this bulletin that can be had free on addressing the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MILK VS. EGGS.

To the Editor Vernon News.
Dear Sir:—The milk vendors of Vernon kindly notified the public, through the medium of your paper, that the existing price of milk is to be maintained, owing to the high cost of food. Whose food do they refer to, their own, or the cows'? And while they so kindly inform us that the price of milk is to be maintained, why not mention something about the quality also? The money is certainly worth the milk alright. Do they intend keeping the price up when the cows are on pasture? I must admit that the cost of feed is high, as I am reminded of the fact that every time I buy some for my chickens. At the same time I haven't noticed any advance in the price of eggs. The poultry-keeper has to pay just as much for his chicken feed as the milkmen do for their cow feed, but unlike them, they can't sell their price for more than 35c a dozen. Eggs are now down to 35c a dozen. However, as the Government tell us in a loud voice that its patriotic to raise poultry, I guess its alright. Its certainly more patriotic than profitable, anyhow. The Government might be more patriotic in supplying us with cheaper feed. So we must live in hope, even if we die in despair.
Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain yours egg-citedly,
MR. EUGENE BELLEVUE,
Creek-Side Poultry Yard,
Rand Street, Vernon.

BIRDS' HOUSES.

Vernon and District Women's Institute, April 9th, 1918.

The Editor Vernon News,
Vernon.
Dear Sir:—May I ask the co-operation of the Vernon News in connection with the birds' house competition to be held together with plant sale (perennials, etc.) on 20th inst. We want as many children as possible to compete for the prizes. An extract from last year's secretary's annual report may prove of interest and urge parents to encourage the building of bird houses:

"The importance of bird life to Canada is shown in the fact that the Dominion loses \$10,000,000 yearly in crops and crops through insect pests. A bird will eat its own weight in a single day; one pair of potato bugs if unchecked would increase to 60,000,000 in one season. The crop of one Bob-White killed by a mowing machine contained forty potato bugs and 250 wood-boring beetles. Robins eat wire worms, click beetles, white grubs, cut worms, army worms, gypsy moths, and brown-tailed moths—all of them destructive insects. Quails, too, are the farmers' friends, feeding as they do on potato bugs and weed seeds; so in a season we depend more on them than we think on the active bird life of the country for some of our prosperity."

"Joy building of bird houses is good business—for the boy, for the bird, and for the country."

I hope these particulars will encourage all the young lads in the district to build bird houses that may not only gain a prize on Saturday, 20th inst, but be of use to our feathered friends afterwards.

Yours faithfully,
AGNES WOODS,
Secretary W. I.

URGENT NEED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION

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only in order to save food, but because we are short of it in plate. Mr. Macoun reckoned we ought to grow a fine crop of beans in this valley, and their value was equal to meat. The audience was urged to take up food saving, gardening, etc., as a national service; to raise chickens, rabbits, vegetables, all they could—and to eat all it was possible to eat, and then some, against perhaps coming need. Each was urged to go out as a missionary and preach thrift.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Muldrew who stated she would be pleased to meet any of the audience at the Kalamalka Hotel if they desired further information.



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The dining room will supply meals equal to any in the Okanagan at 50c. Also short orders until 11 o'clock at night.

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Not over 50 words, 50 cents; over 50 words and up to 100 words, \$1.00.

COMING EVENTS

Notices relating to future events of a revenue-producing nature, whether by admission charge, collection or sale of goods, 2 cents per word, minimum charge 50 cents. Notices of Churches, Societies, Clubs or other organizations where no revenue is derived, 1 cent per word, minimum charge 25 cents.

The Women's Hospital Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon in the Court House. 03-1

The ladies of St. James' Catholic Church will hold a sale of fancy work, plain sewing and home cooking on Friday, April 12th, in the Vimy Ridge Tea-rooms. Tea will also be served. Open at 3 o'clock. 03-1

The Women's Auxiliary of the Great War Veterans' Association will hold a social at the Court House on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock. Music, cards and dancing. Admission 50 cents. 03-1

The Home League of the Salvation Army will hold a sale of work consisting of plain sewing, fancy work, home cooking, home made candy, and other useful articles in the Smith Block, Saturday, April 20th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Tea and cake will be served after 2 p.m. 03-2

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Vernon Fruit Union
ELLISON STREET
BOOK YOUR ORDERS FOR
FERTILIZERS and SEEDS
Stocks Are Short. Orders Filled in Rotation As Received
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A car of Good Seed Grain to arrive Saturday. Also large stock of Field, Root and Grass Seeds. Special prices on quantities.
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FOR PREVENTION OF DISEASE IN WHEAT AND POTATOES
Pint Bottles, 40c. Quart Bottles, 75c.
Full directions on bottles.
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EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS

TODAY AND TOMORROW.

"The Sign Invisible"

A mighty drama of the great Northland, produced by Edgar Lewis, the man that made "The Barrier" with "BIG MITCH" LEWIS, better known as "POLEON" of Barrier fame, in the leading role. This is one of the biggest shows of the Northland we have ever had the pleasure of presenting to you, and we can assure you that you will appreciate it. Matinee, 3.30; admission 12c and 20c. Evening, 7.30 and 9.20c and 35c.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th.

The eminent little English actress

Fannie Ward in 'The Crystal Gazer'

An entertaining drama in which Miss Ward plays a dual role with marked ability. Also a good comedy. Matinee, 3.30, admission 5c and 15c. Evening, 7.30 and 9.20, admission 12c and 25c.

MONDAY, APRIL 15th.

Wm. Fox super picture

'The Unwelcome Mother' with WALTER LAW

In the lead: also a good comedy. Matinee, 3.30, admission 5c and 15c. Evening, 7.30 and 9.20, admission 12c and 25c.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 16th AND 17th.

Geo. M. Cohan

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Seven Keys to Baldpate

A big comedy drama of very high merit that will please you from start to finish. America's favorite comedian in one of his famous shows produced by The Artcraft Studio. Matinee, 3.30, admission 5c and 15c. Evening, 7.30 and 9.20, admission 12c and 25c.



THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
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"FIELD of HONOR"

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DELICIOUS BURNT ALMONDS, FILBERT CLUSTERS
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TOWN AND DISTRICT

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W. H. Keary of Armstrong was in the city yesterday.

Rev. A. Henderson, of Sumnerland was a visitor to the city this week.

A. T. Howe returned on Tuesday from Vancouver where he had been on Y. M. C. A. business.

W. F. Laidman left for Winnipeg last Saturday on business connected with the Vernon Fruit Union.

Mrs. Gordon Robison of Peachland returned home last Thursday after spending a few days in town.

Ven. Archdeacon Greene of Kelowna presided at a well-attended meeting of the Okanagan Rural Deaneery held here on Tuesday.

John Macdonald of Lumby was brought into the hospital this week, and we regret to state is critically ill with double pneumonia.

There will be service in the Lumby Catholic church next Sunday at 9 o'clock, and in Vernon on the same day at 11. Rev. Fr. Carroll will officiate at both places.

J. H. Reader, C. P. R. freight agent, is enjoying a well earned holiday until the end of the month. S. J. Weatherly will be in charge at the freight shed.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church are making preparations for a concert which will be held on the 24th inst. and at which the best of our local talent will take part.

The new telephone directory, revised up to March, has been issued and is ready for distribution. In case any have been missed or overlooked, a call to the office advising them of this fact will be all that is necessary.

Mrs. Jas. Bell of Mara took home her little girl last week from the Vernon Jubilee Hospital where the young patient had been treated for a serious illness for several weeks and had effected a satisfactory recovery.

An auction sale of household furniture of Mrs. A. Weeks was held on Tuesday by C. D. Simms. Mrs. Weeks expects to leave in a few days to join her husband at Victoria where he has obtained employment as a marine engineer.

At the regular meeting of the School Board on Tuesday evening the School Management Committee reported the appointment of Miss Kathryn C. McLeod as supply teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Halliday.

The evaporator will start this morning at full capacity on a month's run. We were in error last week in stating that onions and other vegetables will be handled, the work at present being confined to potatoes, as the company has no orders in hand for other products.

The Vernon Red Cross desires to acknowledge with many thanks a donation of \$5 from Mrs. Pearson, and \$2 from Miss Comyns.

The Vernon Sewing Circle has recently sent in 24 pyjama suits, 1 bed comfort, 5 pairs socks, 4 pairs slippers, 3 trench caps and 1 hot water bag.

The members of the Dance Committee of the Vernon Girls' Club desire to thank all those who so generously assisted them with donations for the supper for the 27th dance last Friday.

The committee have endeavored to return all dishes, etc., but some still remain unclaimed. These may be obtained at the Girls' Club if owners would kindly call.

P. M. Groom, manager of the local branch of the Dominion Cannery, has leased a piece of land on the Indian reserve near "Six Mile Creek," at the Head of the Lake, and is now busily engaged getting it in shape for the season's work.

About 80 acres will be planted in tomatoes and 75 acres in beans. An irrigation flume is being constructed to bring water from the creek, and Mr. Groom expects to get a big crop from this land which is ideally situated for tomato growing.

In a handsomely illustrated booklet entitled "Golfing in the Pacific Northwest," for a copy of which we are indebted to Major Megraw, we notice that Vernon finds a place on its pages.

The Vernon Golf Club is mentioned as one of the seven clubs in B. C., and it is noted that visitors who play golf will be made welcome and taken over the course by some member of the club. If remaining a week or more they may, if they feel so disposed, contribute a little towards its upkeep.

A jolly party assembled at the Olympia Cafe last night, the occasion being a "turkey supper" which was given as the result of the season's play of a number of Vernon citizens who last fall formed a "500 club." It was then arranged that the losing side should treat the winners to supper at the end of the season.

G. G. Ross, captain of the "500 club," and A. Turnbull, the other, the players under Capt. Ross proved victorious when the score was made up, and Capt. Turnbull accordingly acted as host at a very pleasant function last evening.

Trial of the suit of Thomas W. Crowell, of 1886 Bute Street, for a divorce from his wife, Louise Crowell, in which Ralph Stevens, a New Westminster young man, was named as co-respondent, took place in Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Macdonald on Wednesday, a decree of divorce absolute being granted.

The custody of the little girl arose in the action, the husband finally being given possession of the child, a condition being that the mother be given access to it at all reasonable times.—Vancouver World.

Many of our citizens were deeply grieved last week over the news of the sudden death at Vancouver of Mr. Norman A. Clyne, who was well known here.

Mr. Clyne spent several weeks as receiving officer at the Bank of Commerce during the absence of Manager Corbet. He was acting manager of the Salmon Arm branch when he was taken ill, and on Good Friday was taken to Vancouver where an operation for appendicitis took place. He passed away at the general hospital in that city on the Tuesday night of last week.

The late Mr. Clyne was only 32 years of age, and while in Vernon made a large circle of warm friends to whom the sad news of his death came as a great shock.

The "Okanagan Commemorative" is the name of a new paper launched at Armstrong last week, when the old Armstrong Advertiser and the Enderby Press were merged under the above name.

The Commemorative will be published at Armstrong with H. M. Walker, formerly of the Enderby Press, as editor. In its initial number the Commemorative strikes a high point of excellence both as regards style and material.

It is a very distinct credit to the northern end of the Okanagan which it will endeavor to serve, and promises to be a valuable addition to the press of the interior.

There is room for such a publication in the Armstrong-Enderby section, and the News wishes it a full measure of that success which we feel certain it will achieve to merit.

We still have a few pair of Men's Heavy Boots

old stock at old time prices.
Come in and pick out your Boots before they are all sold.

Our Gossard Corsets at \$3.50

Are Delightfully Wonderful

Most of our customers prefer them to all other makes because of their excellent fitting qualities and comfort. We show them in a delightful range of models for the slight, medium and large figures. Each style is designed with particular care to afford good style and service.

Another shipment of beautiful SILKS Just Arrived

in White, Black, Pinks, Blues, Greens, Browns, and Yellow, ranging in prices from 40c per yard to \$3.25 according to quality.

Boys' Department

A wonderful range of Boys' Shirt Waists, Shirts, Boots and Clothing. Our stock has been brightened up by new arrivals in Suits and Pants.

We have just received a shipment of Men's Wash Shirts

There is one line we wish to draw your attention to—a large full linen shirt at \$1.15—it's a leader. Also a heavy dark blue duck made large and roomy at.....\$1.85

FURNITURE Week End Specials

CHIFFONNIERS—Satin walnut with 4 large and 2 small drawers, bevelled plate mirror. Sells regularly at \$25.00. Special Price.....\$20.00

CHIFFONNIER—Surface oak, 4 large and 2 small drawers, bevelled plate mirror. Sells regularly at \$17.50. Special Price.....\$14.00

SECTIONAL BOOKCASE—In fumed or golden oak, 4 sections, top and base.....\$28.00

WINDOW SHADES AT 75c

WINDOW SHADES AT \$1.00

WINDOW SHADES AT \$1.25

HURRY if you want the full line of patterns in Wall Papers to select from as they are going with a rush.

COOKED MEATS For Friday and Saturday

Baked Meat Loaf, Sliced— Per lb.....40c

Baked Veal Loaf, Sliced— Per lb.....45c

Jellied Veal Loaf, Sliced— Per lb.....40c

Roast Shoulder Pork, Sliced— Per lb.....60c

Cooked Ham, Sliced— Per lb.....60c

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AGENTS—IMPERIAL OIL, Ltd.

W. H. D. Ladner left yesterday to attend County Court at Penticton.

G. A. Henderson received word last week that his son, Lieut. Eric Henderson, is now in France, having been transferred to the 7th Battalion.

Try Whiten's studio for good photos. The "Events to Come" column is just the place to announce meetings, social affairs, dances, etc. Try it.

Those desiring useful and fancy articles, hand made, as also home cookery, should not miss the Sale of Work by the Ladies of St. James Catholic Church in the Vimy Ridge Tea Rooms on Friday afternoon next.

Two bicycles were stolen one night recently from a residence on Whitham Street, and a few nights previous a baby carriage was lifted from the porch of a house in the same locality. Time was when thieves of this kind were practically unknown in this city, and doors were left unlocked or portable property left lying outside without danger of loss. But things have changed for the worse of late, and citizens are now compelled to keep a careful eye on their belongings.

Profound sympathy is expressed by the many friends of Mrs. T. Milne over the sad bereavement which has fallen upon her. Yesterday she received a telegram announcing that her only son, Pte. Hunter Milne, had been killed in action on March 27th. He joined an Alberta battalion early in the war, and when last heard of was engaged in railway construction work in France.

Yesterday was a splendid specimen of robust young manhood, and was held in the highest possible regard by all who knew him. This addition to the long roll of Vernon's heroic dead who have made the supreme sacrifice in their country's cause will occasion regret and grief to a host of the gallant young soldier's friends in this city and district.

Always look up the "Events to Come." You may depend on important announcements being made under that head every week.

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Daily trains (except Sunday) both ways to Okanagan Landing.

South bound	STATIONS	North bound
read down.		read up.
10.15 (Lv.)	Shuswap Jct. (Ar.)	18.15
10.45	Shuswap Jct. (Ar.)	17.30
11.04	Grindrod	17.14
11.20	Endersby	16.59
11.45	Armstrong	16.30
12.06	Armstrong	16.10

(Regular stop)

22.33 (Ar.) Vernon 15.45

12.55 (Ar.) Ok. Landing (Lv.) 15.30

OKANAGAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE

Steamer Scamoose runs daily (except Sunday) between Okanagan Landing and Penticton as follows:

Ok. Landing—South bound, 13.15; north bound, 12.15.

Whiteman's Creek—North bound Wednesday.

Ewing's Landing—North bound Monday and Friday.

Sunnyvale—North bound Thursday.

Okanagan Centre—South bound daily, except Sunday.

Call Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; flag stop daily, except Sunday.

Wilson's Landing—North bound Monday and Friday.

Kelowna—South bound, 15.15; north bound, 8.15 daily, except Sunday.

Westbank—Daily except Sunday.

Gelatly—South bound daily, except Sunday; north bound daily, except Sunday.

Peasland—South bound, 15.20; north bound, 7.15 daily, except Sunday.

Sumnerland—South bound 17.20; north bound 6.15 daily, except Sunday.

Naramata—South bound daily, except Sunday; north bound daily, except Sunday.

Penticton—South bound 18.20; north bound 5.30, daily, except Sunday.

C. P. R. MAIN LINE

East bound from Shuswap daily—No. 2, 10.10; No. 4, 22.33.

West bound from Shuswap daily—No. 3, 7.55; No. 1, 19.11.

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KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Penticton, B.C., March 8, 1918.

To All Concerned:

Effective Saturday, March 16th, and until further notice, connections of trains 9 and 10 will be handled on Canadian Pacific tracks 2 and 4 via Spences Bridge. The Kettle Valley sleeper will be the westbound train on the Kettle Valley line.

All coach passengers, baggage, mail, and express, will be transferred to the Kettle Valley line.

The connection from No. 4, and to No. 10, at Spences Bridge, will run on the following schedule:

Daily Ex. Sunday Daily Ex. Sunday

No. 10 Eastbound Read up.

16.15 (Lv.) Spences Bridge (Ar.) 14.00

16.35 Do Clapperton 13.45

17.05 Do Canford Mill 13.15

17.35 Do Canford 12.55

18.05 Do Merritt (Lv.) 12.30

18.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 12.05

19.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 11.40

19.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 11.15

20.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 10.50

20.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 10.25

21.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 10.00

21.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 9.45

22.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 9.20

22.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 8.55

23.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 8.30

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24.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 7.40

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25.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 6.50

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26.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 6.00

26.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 5.45

27.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 5.20

27.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 4.55

28.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 4.30

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30.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 2.50

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31.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 2.00

31.35 Do Merritt (Ar.) 1.45

32.05 Do Merritt (Ar.) 1.20

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HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Weekly Budget of News Contributed By Our Regular Correspondents

PENTICTON

Mr. J. H. McWatters left last week on a visit to the coast cities.

Rev. J. A. Cleland left on Thursday evening for Kelowna on his periodical visit for Anglican services at that centre.

Rev. H. A. Solly and family visited Penticton last Thursday.

Mrs. Haskins and children have gone to Vancouver for a short visit.

The Bishop of Kootenay passed through on Tuesday to Vernon on his way home from Nelson where he had given a special course of preaching during Holy Week and Easter.

Mrs. Geo. Robertson has gone to Calgary for a short visit with friends there.

Mrs. Oliver, wife of the Premier of British Columbia, and her daughter, spent a few days here last week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Power.

Major Feldmann returned last week from Vancouver.

Mrs. Reed Johnston, of Brookmere, is here with her baby on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Baker.

Miss McPhee, who is on the staff of the public school in Kelowna, spent the Easter holidays here on a visit with the family of Mrs. Power. Miss McPhee's family formerly resided here, and were among the first who planted an orchard on the benches.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tilly, who had been in Fairview for several months, where Mr. Tilly was doing relief duty in the Government offices, returned to Penticton last week.

Lee, Corporal Jack Musser arrived from overseas a few days ago. He joined the 54th Battalion in September, 1915, and in the following March he was in France with the fighting divisions. He fought at Ypres, the Somme, and at Vimy Ridge. He was seriously wounded by shrapnel, and was in hospital for several months, afterwards going back to duty in a forestry battalion.

Mr. H. C. Christensen returned last week from a visit to Vancouver. An unfortunate attack of measles interrupted both with business, and pleasure, and laid him up in hospital for several days.

Mr. Anstey, inspector of schools, and Mrs. Anstey are spending the Easter holidays in Penticton.

Rev. W. P. Ewing, who was recently called to Victoria on account of the serious illness of his father, returned last week with the report that the condition of his father had much improved, and that he was recovering slowly after some surgical operations which had been found necessary.

Sergeant Major A. C. Spencer arrived in Penticton on Wednesday evening. He will be three years on July 2nd next since Mr. Spencer, who was bandmaster of the Penticton brass band, left with his entire organization for the camp of the 54th Battalion in Vernon. All the members of the band joined up, and for a time they acted as the band of the 54th. On the arrival of the battalion in England in November, 1915, the bandmen in most cases joined the ranks of the battalion, some being drafted to other units.

Arrangements were made by the ministers of the various churches for a united meeting for prayer and intercession in connection with the war, especially in view of the tremendous struggle at present taking place on the western front. The service was held on Wednesday evening in Burch's Hall, which Mr. Burch kindly lent for the occasion, and the attendance was quite large, and representative of nearly all the religious bodies of the town.

It was learned a few days ago that George Craig who had been reported missing on February 21 was now officially reported dead. He was a Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, having left here about a year ago to train at Camp Borden. He was well known here and at Okanagan Falls, his family having resided at the latter place for some years. His fellow-students in the high school of Penticton regarded him highly. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Craig, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended, are now living in Vancouver.

Mr. P. J. McKellar, district campaign director for the Y. M. C. A., visited Penticton a short time ago and interviewed a number of the prominent men of the town in connection with the association's present plans for raising a large fund to meet the ever-growing demands of its great work for the soldiers. During his stay he made arrangements for a meeting to be held on his return after visiting some other centres. This meeting was held on Wednesday evening in Burch's Hall at the conclusion of the united prayer service. Mr. McKellar was present, and outlined the plan for raising the fund, which involves the creation of a local campaign committee in each specified district. After listening to Mr. McKellar, it was decided to appoint such a committee for Penticton, and the following were elected, Messrs. H. C. Keys chairman, Thos. Andrews (treasurer), H. A. Moorhouse, J. H. Glass, J. H. Patterson.

Joyous was the footing of the horn of the shofar on Wednesday evening as she glided up to her place at the wharf proudly bearing on her deck the Reeve of Penticton and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith. A large number had gathered at the landing-place to greet them and to welcome them, and when they were driven off to their beautiful home on the benches. The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, on Tuesday, April 2nd, and owing to the war, it was decided to forego a lengthy honeymoon.

The bride, Miss Marjorie Phillips, having lived here for a year or two previous to her engagement, has hosts of friends here, and no marriage which has taken place for a long time has evoked such general interest and satisfaction in social circles in Penticton.

Gibbs—Today I pleased a pretty woman by telling her that a certain red-faced, snub-nosed, bald-headed mortal looked like her.

Miss—Nonsense! You didn't!

Gibbs—Fact. The red-faced, snub-nosed, bald-headed mortal was her father!

NARAMATA

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held evening in the town hall. No special business with the exception of the water question was discussed.

A special meeting called by the water committee was held Saturday night. The water question is still a serious one and nothing of a definite nature can be done for the next few weeks or until the government has decided the question now before the House regarding the ownership of the water system. In the meantime the fruit ranchers will "carry on" to the best of their ability.

Miss Edith Hayward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hayward of this place, was married at her uncle's home Mr. James Richard in Toronto on the 30th of March to Mr. E. L. Hopkins, accountant in the Bank of Montreal. She is the type of man who is respected and liked by all. His absence will be felt particularly by the church and Sunday school as he has been a most active member of both, and the mainstay of the latter, and a worker whose place will be hard to fill.

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We note that Mr. W. Bruce of Vernon has arrived at the lake for the summer and we now expect to see nothing smaller than ten pounders brought in.

Mr. Munro who has spent a year or more at his old home in Pittsburg, Pa., returned to the Landing this week and expects to spend a good portion of his time here in the future.

What about the Canadian Patriotic Fund?

D. Hillman has rented the cottage of M. J. O'Brien, who recently moved to the coast, and will move in during the next few days.

J. A. Patterson and daughters who have been spending the Easter holidays in Vancouver are expected home this week.

Mr. J. Cave will shortly leave for the prairie and his residence has been purchased by J. P. Sutherland who will move it to his own lot.

Mr. J. A. Stobo, for many years foreman of the C. P. R. shipyard here has been promoted to the same position in the Nelson yard with jurisdiction over all shipyards of the company in connection with the B. C. lake and water service. Mr. Stobo who left for his new position last week will be much missed by Okanagan Landings.

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HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

OYAMA

School has opened again and there are three more pupils, so that Oyama must be growing. It is a scattered hamlet, but a central school has many hardships for the young children, and all of us do not agree that the change from the early school legislation is a wise one, namely, that consolidated schools are better than the one-roomed sites in sparsely settled communities. It is a question whether the advantages of the former are any greater than the disadvantages. Many of the latter can be prepared for the high school examinations, and the rural consolidated schools whilst costing much more, are disappointing in not being able to provide any high school curriculum. As for added comforts of the children these seem to be just as lacking, and whilst it is not usual to look a gift-horse in the mouth, it is often forgotten that the animal costs more to keep than to provide. However, there are pupils at Oyama in for the high school examination and this term is the last lap in the course, so it means hard work for them; and incidentally Oyama lends greater encouragement than other schools inasmuch as there is a nice scholarship given to the best pupil in such a small community. However, it is a most difficult task to make the award, for the principle of an endowment of this kind is essentially not the merit of the pupil alone, but the position of the parents to provide the means for the child's high school attendance, and here lies the difficulty. Much more might be said on this subject but for the time being this may suffice.

One reads in the press of the valuable cattle that were sold by Mr. S. Edwards last week, and it is a pleasure to know that the poor reputation B. C. has hitherto held for good live stock is likely to be removed. Some of the ranchers are at work with this object in view. Those of us who reside on the west side of the lake have a good chance of seeing the various herds of stock that pass by, and of late there have been a good many, those of Mr. Edwards were the finest we have seen, but to anybody who has ever attended Smithfield market and heard the prices cattle have averaged will know we have a long way to go yet; still we must not forget the conditions. In this dry belt there is not the succulent pasture, and the feeding quality thereof. When it comes to raising it is another matter for these usually have more grain feeding. This district is doing well in the hog production, and there seems every reason to calculate there will be a great increase in the output of bacon in the fall. Who will take the prize for the best litter of pigs in this district? Numbers and acquisition from the beginning of the year? It is really a pity the war should be on to prevent us having a fair and exhibition of live stock, etc., for we believe there has been a great increase in the latter the past year or two, and as things are there are no means of judging.

Quite a sensation was caused last night by a chase for a man from the internment camp. He was cleverly held up at Oyama until a military escort was sent for in time to overtake him near Pine Grove. The speed that motorcycle must have negotiated those fearful bends on the Vernon road is horrible to think of in order to overtake a man with 15 miles start. However, for some strange reason he was allowed to go free, but secured again at Kelowna. We believe he had been at large for over a week, but we are not quite certain if he had been missed!

Referring to the speed of motorists, brings the reminder of the danger of night travelling, and the necessity of two cars with penetrating search lights that blind the driver, and prevent the off-side car from seeing the edge of the embankment or bridge. In Vancouver it is declared by the police that four out of five accidents to night cars are caused by the blinding headlights. Therefore it has been suggested to us that on the very dangerous road from Vernon it should be made a rule of etiquette for the outgoing car to pull up at a suitable distance from the oncoming car from Kelowna, and stand by till the latter has passed, for it is the outside car that runs the risk; and we believe it was from precisely such a cause as this that Mr. W. T. Heddie met with his nasty accident last fall. If all motorists travelling on the Vernon-Kelowna road would make a note of this it would be the means of soon establishing a friendly bylaw, and there are so many local cars now that the casual driver would be but a small percentage of the risk. It is with pleasure we note the prompt way roads have been graded and put in safe condition under the pressure of the snow. We do not recollect such early and excellent attention for the past five years, nor have we seen the main road to Vernon in such splendid shape before; moreover, a road gang is at work removing two of the sharp bends and we hope other dangerous places will likewise be attended to, for this road is becoming one of the scenic gateways to the south, and is bound to increase in popularity when the world settles down to peace again, so that it should be prepared for this event.

It is with pleasure we note the way many of the ranchers are burning the piles of prunings which lie by the lake or road side; but all are not doing this, and it will be a pity that such eyesores should exist the year round, and

might even be a dangerous fire source in the heat of summer. To such we would call attention before the month is out. The cleaning up season is now on hand, and across the lake we see the smoke and blaze of the blighted ones.

A new light has come to Oyama. Some thought the Aladdin was perfection, and acetylene or petrolel that that could be desired. There were some who calculated that with the construction of the C. N. P. branch long before this, we should have had the electricity was contemplated as the power, and it would have been available for us all. This is not yet, but Dr. Irvine has not waited longer, but has installed the first electric light in Oyama, and it goes without saying that it is a great success for the town, and it is of course one of the commonest lights in the country.

It is extraordinary to read in the papers advertisements of men wanting work on the ranches. Only a few weeks ago we were told there would be a great scarcity and the government was to import coolies; and now with the large army of women and the boys from school, it seems likely that the rancher and fully qualified man will not be needed? Why? Because he asks a proper wage. If this be so it will be the proof positive of your correspondent's calculated assertion that it is cheap labour that the rancher wants, no matter whether it be white or yellow, or if he lose in efficiency thereby.

WESTBANK

Mr. P. P. Woodbridge and family of Calgary arrived last week at Gellatly and are residing on the old "Bible" holder place. We extend them a hearty welcome, and hope they will find the wholesome climate of the Okanagan will be very beneficial to them all.

Mr. Dennie has started work erecting a new house for Mr. Excell and being such an able workman, is quickly getting the structure put up.

Friends of "Billy" Buchanan of Trepanier, who enlisted in the army about a year ago, will be pleased to hear that he is quite well and likes the life on the prairie. Billy is a signalman in the harbor at St. John, N.B., having recently qualified as an A. B. seaman. He was formerly patrol leader of the Boy Scouts at Trepanier, so no doubt, his experience in this work proves very helpful in the navy.

Mr. L. V. Rogers of Kelowna was in Westbank for a short time on Friday when on his way from Summerland by car.

Mrs. Ashley of Peachland spent the week end with friends here.

The would-be purchasers of Mr. Blackwood's lot, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, arrived on Friday. Mr. Johnson's carload of effects came in next day. We understand, however, that some how or other, the deal has fallen through. We hope that Mr. Johnson will not take this as a bad omen, but will decide to remain here anyway.

Red Cross.

The monthly meeting of the local Red Cross Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd, at the home of the president, Miss M. Clark. The usual number attended, and the sum of eighty cents was realized from the luncheon. As the busy season has commenced, it was decided that this meeting was to be the last until after the rush, though, of course, the ladies' work will continue the work at all the materials on hand were taken out to be completed, so that none of the goods should be left over. The parcels of work sent away March after held all bags, ten pairs of socks and eight suits of pyjamas.

Farmers' Institute.

The meeting this week was what might be termed a "fizzle", as only three members were in attendance. Of course no business could be transacted so it was decided to adjourn until next month. We hope that more will turn up at the coming meeting—surely after a rest of two months everyone should be there. Remember, May 11th, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Watts of Vancouver was a visitor to Westbank last week, spending several days with the Dobbins.

Several of the ranchers who believe that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," last week gave their peach and pear trees the best application of time-sprayer spray to hold off and eradicate the peach-worm and pilaster mite. It would be advisable for all the ranchers to follow suit, and have a systematic campaign against these troublesome pests, for although they have hardly known a foothold here yet, the object is to prevent them doing so. Now is the time to start. Until very recently, Westbank has been comparatively free from any sort of pest, so let us tackle what we have, and keep anything else from coming in. It is important to all concerned that this district should be kept clean.

The completion of the road at Hardy's Lake, roads for the present any further activity in road-building, as all are anxious to get to work in the orchards.

Westbank was visited on Monday by quite a severe windstorm. No damage was done, but the flying dust made it very disagreeable for those who were out at the time.

School started in again on Monday morning and the smiling faces of the children told better than words, that they were not sorry.

Boys' and Girls' Club.

The second meeting of the newly organized Boys' and Girls' Club was held in the schoolhouse on Monday night. The membership has increased

by one, Master Frank Short, bringing the number of members to eleven. The meeting was called for the distribution of the setting eggs, which it was announced, arrived on Saturday in good order. After the minutes of the first meeting had been read and adopted, the correspondence was taken up, which amounted to a very friendly and encouraging letter from W. T. McDonald, secretary of the movement. The boys and girls are sure to be interested in the raising of chicks issued by both Dominion and Provincial agricultural departments had not yet come, so the secretary read the regulations and suggestions as given in the rule book. To instill an understanding of business methods into the minds of the youthful competitors, all food and materials used must be kept account of; also the amount of time spent in the care of their charges. The neatness of this record counts for quite a number of points in the total, so it is reasonable to expect that pains will be taken to keep the books looking their best. It was decided to hold a regular meeting on the second Monday in each month, so the next meeting will take place on the 13th of May.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Gore, the organizer, all matters were attended to in proper business-like manner. The boys and girls are sure to be lucky to have such an energetic and kindly man to show them the ropes as the saying goes, and it will certainly be no fault of Mr. Gore's if the Westbank club is not an immense success.

SUMMERLAND

Miss Janet Sutherland has returned from Vancouver where she has spent several months and has gone to Okanagan Falls where she will teach apple packing to a class of thirty.

Miss Annie Blair taught classes in apple packing at Penticton during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes have moved back to their home on the benches after several months' residence in town.

Mrs. McLaren is now in residence in the Page cottage and the Steven cottage vacated by her is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Walker.

At the meeting of the municipal council on Monday, the resignation of K. S. Hogg, accountant and municipal collector was laid before the council.

Miss Bertha Johnston has returned from a visit of some months to California and the coast cities.

Mr. C. H. Cordy of Vernon spent the Easter holidays with his family here.

Many friends of Mrs. R. H. Helmer will regret to learn that she is a patient at the hospital for a time and will wish her a speedy return to health.

The W. C. T. U. silver medal contest will be held in the Parkdale Baptist church tonight, April 8th. The program is one of interest, there being seven contestants for the medal and as many musical numbers.

The last meeting for the season of the Five Hundred Club was held at Hotel Summerland last Tuesday evening. During the winter months this club has met weekly and has raised the sum of \$95 for patriotic purposes.

A very interesting and valuable lecture was given by Mr. John Kyle, organizer of Technical Education for B. C., last Monday evening in the Colledge gymnasium. Rev. Blair was the chairman of the evening and a fairly representative gathering listened with keen interest to Mr. Kyle's address. The speaker gave very clearly convincing reasons for the addition of domestic science and manual training to the present school curriculum that the training of head, heart and hand might be furnished in a well rounded course. Among the reasons given was that in these practical branches is a natural outlet for the activity of normal child nature, a well directed training made so entertaining as to satisfy the enquiring young mind and at the same time provide the necessary drilling and workmanship. Another strong point was the development of concentration through practical work. The recognized need of education is so important that the government has offered to pay seventy-five per cent of the cost of education also the sum of five hundred and eighty dollars as a grant toward the salary of the instructor. The lecture was illustrated with lantern views showing classes at work in wood and metal work, sewing and cooking. Several prominent citizens spoke to the effect of the evening, among them being Mr. Andrew, Rev. H. A. Solly, Mr. W. C. Kelley and Mr. G. J. C. White. The last named gentleman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. J. O. Smith and supported by the audience: "Resolved that this meeting of citizens of Summerland heartily approves of the introduction at once of manual training and domestic science in the Summerland school, and that we do request the school board and municipal council to provide the necessary funds and equipment at once, to inaugurate such departments."

Following closely Mr. Kyle's lecture the school board met in regular session on Tuesday afternoon when figures showing the cost of installing, also instructors' salaries in manual training and domestic science as furnished by Mr. Kyle were considered. As a result the trustees resolved themselves into a committee to canvass the district with a petition to be presented to the council asking them to arrange for the cost. Less than \$1,000 would be required to start both these departments and support them for the first year.

Mrs. John Tait and little daughter leave tonight for Victoria for a month's visit with Mrs. Tait's mother.

Bridal Shower.

The falsity of the statement that the fair sex cannot keep a secret was proven on Thursday last, when notwithstanding that preparations had been carried on for some days and a number of invitations had been extended to the friends of Mrs. Besette and Mrs. J. Rowley as well as to Miss Mae, daughter of the Rev. A. Henderson, the latter was taken completely by surprise when the response to their invitation she dropped into the home of Mrs. Rowley for a few moments' social chat, the meaning of the gathering there of such a large number of friends was suddenly revealed to her. The rooms had been tastefully decorated with daffodils and sweet peas. When Miss Henderson arrived she was ushered into the reception room through an aisle of ribbons held by four young girls, Violet Atkins, Helen White, Marjory White and Edith Atkins.

Just at the opportune moment the bottom fell out of a basket, finished in pink and decorated with white ribbons which was suspended from the ceiling and precipitating on and about the bride elect a shower of miscellaneous articles so much prized by the beginner in housekeeping following which she was presented by Miss Mae Macdonald with a bouquet of pink carnations. Though quite unprepared and markedly affected by the complete surprise Miss Henderson very gracefully acknowledged the honor thus shown her. During the afternoon the ladies busied themselves with the serving of the best work on which a prize was won by Mrs. T. P. Thornber. Vocal solos by Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Lees and Miss E. Brown and the playing of the wedding march by Mrs. Atkins on the violin accompanied by Mrs. Broek on the piano were other features of the program. Bounteous and delightful refreshments were served by the hostesses.

(Delayed in Transmission.)

Mrs. O. F. Zimmerman, who has been spending several weeks in Victoria the guest of her parents, Col. and Mrs. Cartwright, returned last Wednesday.

An orchestra which was started some little time ago under the leadership of J. A. Reed is making steady progress and bids fair to be ready to appear publicly before long. It is now comprised of six violins, piano, drum, kettle drum and traps, trombone and horn and will probably have other instruments added. The new musical club are Misses H. Davidson, B. L. Hatfield, R. Hatfield, J. W. S. Logie, J. J. Bennett, F. Anderson, O. Atkins, A. E. Williams, M. Tait. The initial appearance of the orchestra while not yet announced will no doubt be warmly welcomed by the public.

Messrs. Harry Rennie of Mincola, Gordon Ritchie and Roger Tingley of West Summerland who had exemption from military service until April first were again before the tribunal in Penticton on Thursday and were refused further exemption. The two first named are required to report for service at once while Roger Tingley was allowed six weeks to arrange for his business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Beavis and family moved to Kermes on Thursday to spend the Easter holiday with friends there.

Summerland was very well represented at two events in Naramata during the past week. On Monday evening an amateur play was given by members of the Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church for the benefit of the Naramata church, while on Thursday evening devotees of the dance were attracted by the Red Cross dance across the lake. The visitors report a jolly evening, good music and delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Comox, Vancouver Island, who have spent the winter months at the lake front, living in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Craig, left for their home last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were greatly pleased with the climate here and hope to return another winter.

Mr. E. N. Rowley came in from Vancouver last week-end and is spending a few days in town.

At an extra meeting of the municipal council on Saturday, the 23rd, a motion was unanimously carried to apply for an injunction compelling the removal of all poles and lines belonging to the Okanagan Telephone Company not in use. The stipulated condition of the use of this company are fast becoming a menace to the public highways.

That Summerland has the distinction of leading as the chief express shipping fruit district in the province has recently been made public in a comparative statement given out by the Department of Agriculture. Express output for last season amounted to 1,740,135 pounds, while Hazelton, which comes second, shipped 1,047,822 pounds. Armstrong with 863,819 pounds and Penticton 804,411 pounds are the next in line.

Mrs. Isaac Blair gave a very enjoyable reception last Monday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Jose Blair of Vancouver. About twenty-five ladies were present. Mrs. Blair was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Anwyn and Miss Gertrude Blair. Miss Blair leaves for the coast on Wednesday.

Fruit Pests Inspector John Tait is driving a new Ford car and says it saves him much needed time in his long round.

Word has been received by relatives that S. Bartholomew has returned to England after months of service in France and expects to be back in Canada within the next month.

SALMON RIVER

Mrs. Wollen's cattle that were feeding at Grand Prairie for the winter, went home to their own range last Saturday.

Mr. Elkhin is moving back to the valley again.

Mrs. T. H. Smith went to Grand Prairie on Saturday.

Mr. Mitchell drove out to Armstrong on Saturday from Grand Prairie.

Ed. Smith of Grand Prairie spent the week-end with friends in the valley.

W. Ferguson of Armstrong was through the valley last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Grand Prairie went through to Hultar on Friday.

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In the Okanagan District of Yale District and being known and described as follows:—

Parcel 1.—Section two (2) except East half (E. 1/2) of South-east quarter (S.E. 1/4) of said Section Township 13, Range 12, T. 13, R. 12, S. 12.

Parcel 2.—East half (E. 1/2) and South-west quarter (S.W. 1/4) Section three (3), Township Thirteen (13) and North-west quarter (N.W. 1/4) of Section thirty-four (34), Township four (4) of the said Okanagan Division of Yale District of British Columbia, containing 1200 acres, and the above property is said to contain a two story frame dwelling, log stable and barn, and frame granary.

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Our Educational Column
(Conducted by J. R. Brown.)

SCARCITY OF TEACHERS.

The ranks of the teaching profession in Canada and the United States are being considerably thinned on account of the war and allied causes. From the United States there is a movement to change the laws in force by which married women are prohibited from teaching in the public schools. This is to relieve the situation caused by the tendency of teachers to leave their profession and engage in military service of some kind or in clerical work or industrial or mercantile occupations. The remuneration in the latter is considerably better and teachers cannot be blamed for making a change to improve conditions, salary, etc.

Mrs. Nellie McClung, the well-known writer and speaker, is reported by the coast papers to be on a tour of B. C. in quest of teachers for the prairie. It is more than probable that her mission will meet with some success. It is a matter to be regretted that teachers who have received their professional training at the expense of the Province of B. C. should not remain in the province. However, from the dissatisfaction expressed by many of our teachers with the administration of the present school system, one can see that the Department of Education is a little wonder at their desire for a change. It would be a retrograde step to have to fill vacancies with teachers without experience or professional training.

KEDLESTON SCHOOL.

From information kindly given by Mrs. J. A. Asher, teacher of the Kedleston School, we are able to compile the following sketch. It is the first of the kind we have been able to give, and it is to be hoped that other schools in the district may also be submitted so that suitable sketches may be placed on record.

The Kedleston school was organized in 1907 with Messrs. J. F. Simmons, Chas. Howden and W. L. Simmons, trustees, and Miss Katherine Erskine (now Mrs. J. F. Simmons) as first teacher. Until 1913, the classes were taught in the log dwelling house on the lot on which the present frame school house is built, the present site having been donated by the owner, Mr. F. Meekins, who has removed to California.

The list of teachers and their terms of office are given as follows: Miss Erskine, September 1907 to June, 1908; Miss Mildred Rutan, September, 1908, to June, 1909; Mr. G. C. Howden, October, 1909, to January, 1910; Mr. J. R. Brown, March, 1910, to December, 1911.

ENDERBY

Miss Kanahan arrived from Calgary last week to fill the position of stenographer in the Okanagan Saw Mills' office.

Lieut. Howard Logan, who left for England a few months ago, has returned to Canada in charge of a body of men invalided home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Johnson and daughter returned last week from Vancouver where they spent the winter months.

F. M. Lawes, manager of the Okanagan Saw Mills returned on Monday from a business trip to coast points.

Miss M. Thas spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. W. Mack.

Mr. J. D. Stacey, of Vancouver, who has been visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. F. Landon, returned home last Friday.

Miss Lawrence of Hupel returned home Saturday after spending Easter at Kamloops.

Mrs. W. Lambert left last Wednesday for Vancouver where she intends remaining in future.

Mrs. C. Harris of Armstrong spent the week end with Mrs. A. M. McPherson.

WELSH OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Mr. Welsh of New Westminster is visiting his son, D. J. Welsh, principal of the Enderby high school.

Mr. A. McQuarrie left on Monday for Alberta, where he will look over the prospects of ranching there in future.

MR. AND MRS. E. J. MACK LEFT MONDAY

evening for Stettler, Alberta.

Mrs. Muldrew, of Ottawa, director of domestic economy in the Food Controller's office gave a very interesting and most beneficial address Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church the subject being "Food and Patriotism."

PTE. LEONARD PUNK RETURNED TO HIS HOME

last week having been wounded in France. Pte. Punk was wounded by shrapnel in thirteen places and carries many scars of battle. He has been to the coast for further treatment.

Mr. J. E. Doerflinger of Mara was in town last Saturday.

A Mackay and Chas. Nelson left Tuesday for Calgary.

Mr. McKee left Thursday afternoon for his farm in Alberta.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE WAS GIVEN

Wednesday evening in the assembly hall in the Fortuna school by Mr. J. E. Britton on the "Care and Feeding of Stock."

Manager Geo. Dohle, of the Okanagan Telephone Company was in from the coast on Tuesday where he has been for some weeks superintending the building of a new system at Chilliwack replacing the old one which was washed out last fall.

MARA

Mr. S. Neal and Wm. Cadden were visitors to Enderby on Saturday last.

Mrs. J. Bacon left on Saturday for Armstrong where she is staying for a few days.

Miss A. Smith returned from the coast on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Jas. Bell returned from Vernon on Wednesday last, bringing her little girl Jennie who has been an inmate of Vernon Hospital during the past six weeks.

Mr. Jas. Bruce and family returned on Thursday last from Malahwa, B. C., where they have been all winter. They have taken up their abode in the old station building here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coell were vis-

1912: Mr. Clifford Evans, January, 1913,

to June, 1913; Miss Ethel Hall, October, 1913, to June, 1914; Mrs. J. A. Asher, since August, 1914.

Besides the members of the first board the following ratepayers also served as trustees: Messrs. Chas. Todd, Wm. Morley, J. G. Holmes, Wm. Wilson, Geo. Balcombe, M. Campbell, W. J. Spears, R. R. Jackson, W. W. Kirkby, C. R. Wilson, W. H. Rice, and H. E. Hitchcock.

The registered attendance in 1907 was 13. In 1913 it was 24 and now it is 11. The pupils have shown average intelligence and aptitude of a little better than average, several passing the entrance examination under Mrs. Asher's supervision. A marked peculiarity in connection with the school is that all the boys, except two, old enough to have been enlisted for military service, have been in the school, and Charles Wagner, are said to have moved to the United States and it is unknown whether they have enlisted or not. The names of those who have enlisted are: Martin Howden, C. Alanson, (Lans), Howden, Victor Alanson, Raymond Simon, William Stokline, Roy Stroud, Martin and Lans Howden, have been reported wounded twice. It may be said on behalf of the girls that about the same number were married at the ages of 16 or 17.

OF THE TRUSTEES, MESSRS. J. F. AND W. L. SIMMONS, TODD, MORLEY, WILSON,

Spears and Campbell joined some branch of service and failure to pass medical examination alone prevented at least one other from enlisting also.

The record for loyal service of this school district in the war crisis is perhaps not excelled by any other part of Canada. The population of a few years ago has been reduced through recruiting until there is only the proverbial corporal's guard left. An honor roll of the brave boys would be very desirable in this sketch but it is impossible at present to secure it.

BEFORE THE WAR BROKE OUT, A LITERARY

society was formed and regular meetings were held in the school. A lively interest was developed in the discussion of educational, agricultural, historical and other topics of value to the community. Well prepared papers were read which found their way into the press. Interesting debates took place on subjects of the day. Music added its charm and it was conceded that the school was much more than a single function in the district. With the outbreak of the war came the great change. After its close it is to be hoped that in due time the school will get back to its old work.

KELOWNA

Four recently returned overseas men are Pte. A. Gibb, 172nd Battalion, formerly held prisoner in Kelowna; Pte. Plant of the Foresters; Pte. Bussell of the 2nd C. M. R.; and Pte. Pete Smith of the Motor Transport.

Mrs. C. C. Prowse and Miss Prowse of Glenora left last week for Los Angeles, Cal., where they intend to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease have returned from the coast where they have been spending the winter.

MR. FALLIS AND FAMILY HAVE GONE TO

Rocanville, Sask., where they intend to grow wheat. Though Mr. Fallis sold out all his stock and implements, he has retained his property here and intends to return to Kelowna.

Mrs. Jean Mulder was food expert for the Canadian Food Board will address a public meeting on Thursday, April 11th, at 8 p.m. in the Board of Trade rooms.

THE KELOWNA SAWMILL IS VERY BUSY

these days. Many large booms of logs are being brought in and a big cut is expected to be made to meet the very active demand for lumber and box material.

Miss Means has removed her well-known "Green tea rooms" to more commodious premises on Ellis Street, next to the Baptist church.

We note that Mr. A. W. Cooke's pen of White Wyandottes, entered at Victoria in the Seventh International Egg-laying contest, laid the second largest clutch of eggs in the month ending March 24th, out of the 40 pens in the contest.

ENROLLMENT OF WOMEN.

Miss Gertrude M. Perry, National Service secretary, has asked the Kelowna Women's Institute to register all women who are prepared to work on the ranches or in the factories, and the Women's Institute has appointed the following committee: Miss Reckie, Mrs. W. Haug, and Miss G. Hunter. Women or girls who wish to enroll for this work should hand in their names and farmers requiring help should apply to this committee.

THE KELOWNA AUTOMOBILE AND GOOD

Roads Association held an organization meeting last week and have a promised membership of over 75. Mr. E. M. Buckland was unanimously elected first president, with J. D. Williams, vice-president and P. DuMoulin, A. L. Soames, S. T. Elliott, L. V. Rogers, D. Lattinburn, W. C. Renfrew and G. Monford as executive committee. Mr. J. W. B. Browne was elected secretary-treasurer.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMMITTEE

should meet at an early date and draw up by-laws and constitution, decide membership fees, and arrange plans for useful work to be done by the association for the betterment of roads throughout the club district.

S. O. S.

Taking advantage of the school holidays Messrs. Chas. and Geo. Brock, who are signers of the result that they were almost swamped by a willing band of boy workers. With this help they were able to quickly sort and plant a large block of sugar maples which they are raising for seed purposes.

K. L. O. Red Cross.

The success of the sale of work held by the ladies of the K. L. O. last Saturday exceeded all expectations. The large total of \$433.95 was raised, which included \$21.60 from dolls' house, \$7.20 from sale of Easter eggs and \$42.00 gathered in by the sale of flags by the fully juvenile Red Cross nurse (Mrs. Billy Caruthers) and his assistants.

Proceeds of this successful sale will be handed over to the general Red Cross funds.

OKANAGAN FALLS

Our apple packing school started today. Your correspondent will give a full account of proceedings in next week's notes.

Spring is making rapid strides in Kelowna. Today Mr. Richard Bisset is sowing wheat, and the green grass is diversified by great patches of yellow buttercups.

Several autoists visited the Falls and plunked out of doors on Sunday.

Having disposed of these questions, Mr. Laidman proceeded to touch on Vernon Fruit Union matters. He outlined the proposed plan of financing an adequate and properly equipped building with ample storage accommodation as the fitting centre of our co-operative fruit concern. The keynote of the arch of the scheme is the handing over by the growers of their U. G. notes to be converted into a building company, shares earning 8%. In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that if these notes were surrendered there must be a clear understanding that the building was to be available for this season's crop. Mr. Laidman's intimate knowledge of the Fruit Union's business helped to clear up several points in the management. If the building project goes through there is every possibility of a lowering by at least one cent per box in the overhead charges. The question of the Lavington packing house came up. Mr. Laidman with wise consideration laid the matter before the Lavington growers as the Union Board cannot see their way to continue it. The use of it was offered to the growers if they cared to club together and use it for a packing house at the cost of the annual charge laid against it on the books, but this suggestion found no support. At the close of the meeting a desultory discussion took place with regard to the district's requirements in the matter of girl pickers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Laidman by the meeting for coming up and talking over matters which so vitally affect our welfare.

After the Easter holidays the school

opened the summer session this morning (8th). Six additional pupils were enrolled, making a total of 27, which is highly creditable. We understand more desks are on order.

The snow is almost a thing of the past except in fugitive patches in secluded corners. We notice where we had a sawing outfit at work what an impervious covering a heap of sawdust makes in protecting the snow underneath from the higher temperature. This past winter's snow ought to be one of the most beneficial draughts that Nature has drunk for many a long year. "Diminished springs will be replenished to overflowing and if as the poet says "like blade of grass keeps its awn of dew" then after such a winter as we have had every root and fibre will have its ain drap o' moisture.

MESSRS. SMITH AND R. BASSETT VISITED

Oroville last week and Mr. Smith made another trip on Saturday.

Mr. Byrd and family accompanied by Miss Ruby Brazel motored to Princeton on Easter Monday. Mrs. Byrd and family expect to remain about a month.

Mr. Henry Phelps of Princeton and Frank Phelps (on leave from Victoria) passed through the Falls on Sunday morning, en route to Fairview to visit their parents.

Mr. Henry Phelps returned to Princeton by motor the same evening, accompanied by Herbert Dalrymple, who expects to go to work there.

Mrs. Love returned to the Falls on Sunday morning after spending the holidays at Brookmere. She was accompanied by Miss Jennie, who is convalescing from a severe attack of measles, and Agnes, who will both take in the apple packing course which is to be held in Mr. Hody's packing house.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Danks and son Roy, accompanied by Messrs. Phoney and Kinney were guests of Mrs. Love on Sunday.

Several residents called at Mr. Belvedere's on Sunday and were regaled with various new selections on the Edison phonograph.

Mr. T. Bassett made a trip to the Falls on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope of Penticton, with their daughters visited friends at the Falls on Sunday.

A report has reached here that Lieut. Geo. Craig, who has been missing since Feb. 27th, has been officially pronounced dead.

Misses Olive, Blanche and Lou Roadhouse and Lester Roadhouse and Jack Carter were guests at George Hawthorne's on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Hawthorne was the guest of Mrs. Andrew Hamilton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hovey returned to Penticton on Saturday, returning Sunday.

KEREMEOS

Bob Innis, one of the boys from the front who has been in hospital for several months, is home visiting his mother, and his brother Dave and family.

Chas. Smith of the 172nd and home visiting his brother and family east of town, and will remain for the summer awaiting his final discharge papers.

Jas. Critchley of Hedley, the harness maker and boot repairer, who has been running a repair shop here for two months, returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. L. L. Clifton, the G. N. agent's wife, is visiting her parents at Grand Forks, having departed the first of the week.

Mrs. Harold Quant and child are at Oroville, the baby being very ill.

Mrs. M. Pike left the first of the month for Edmonton to visit her parents at that city.

O. H. Carle and family removed from the restaurant on Main Street to a new place having purchased a residence in the south part of the town near the river.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a sale of home made goods and afternoon tea on April 2nd at Mrs. Keder's, the net proceeds being forty dollars.

A goodly number of Stewards donated their best clothes and colors Friday and drove over to Penticton to attend mass on Easter Sunday.

Change in Clocks Sunday at 2 A.M.

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